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Snow in July



Sunday River Resort decided this year to try to add a new twist to its annual Tough Mountain Challenge competition - snow. At the end of ski season the resort pushed together a large pile of the white stuff on trail T72, hoping it would last until the July 23 event. In early June, a 150-by-150-foot white tarp was placed over the pile to reflect sun and heat, giving it a better chance to make it. If it does, said spokesperson Darcy Lambert, "The idea is to have registrants run up and over it." No guarantees, though. "Only time and temperature will tell," she said. The sold-out event has 3,000 participants signed up, said Lambert. Sunday River describes the competition as "an adventure obstacle race that tackles alpine terrain and throws in natural and man-made challenges to mix things up." The Bethel area has had snow last until July in somewhat recent history, with the "remains" of its giant snowpeople, built in 1999 and 2008 in Bethel.

A. Aloisio

Everyone a winner in local weight loss competition

By ALISON ALOISIO

When Adam Gooley of Bethel went for a physical at the Bethel Family Health Center earlier this year, he had gone from a weight of 265 pounds to 290.

His doctor, he said, "got on my case about it." When Adam walked out to the BFHC front desk afterward, he noticed a sign for the just-starting "Biggest Loser Challenge" weight-loss competition at the Workout 24-7 fitness center in Bethel.

"I told [my wife] Meg

about it, and we signed up that day," he said.

So did another 45 people, and from April 1 to July 1 they sweated their collective way to a total weight loss of 609.9 pounds.

Adam led the way individually with a 70-pound loss, while Meg lost 30.

FINDING DISCIPLINE

Everyone's weights were recorded bi-weekly as a percentage of each person's original weight, in order to be proportionate. Workout 24-7 owner Courtney Bennett said she

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New boat launch project pushed to 2017

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen voted Tuesday to agree to a year's extension on a process for a new public boat launch on North Pond.

The extension was offered by the owner of the property, Rich Gordet.

The town had voted at the March Town Meeting to buy the property

and put in the launch at a total cost of \$90,000. But it has since been determined more funds will be needed to complete the project, with the estimate now totalling \$112,200, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Gordet, who bought the property himself in 2015 to ensure his own boat access when it looked like the town would lose the

current public one nearby, has expressed concern about the town being able to obtain permits, funding and contracts to actually complete the work.

He had negotiated a right to repurchase the property, if the project could not be completed, according to Maxfield.

Gordet had also originally required several conditions: completing the

project before the end of the summer of 2016; the town having all needed permits; and the town having funding and firm construction contracts in place, according to town documents.

He had asked they be in place before the closing, which was originally scheduled for June 6, according to the town.

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New West Paris librarian values community, lifelong learning

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

"The library is a lifeline for people," said Brenda Gould as she sat behind the circulation desk in the Arthur L. Mann Library in West Paris.

Gould was recently hired as the new librarian at the unique castle-like institution, which

was built in the 1920s of local fieldstone. She has long been a familiar face there, however, having started as a library volunteer in 2010.

She said the library plays a vital role in the community, providing needed services as well as a social and recreational outlet.

It offers six public computers, wireless internet, photocopying, faxing, and printing services, children's programs, a conference room for meetings, and, of course, books, magazines, and movies available to borrow.

"My mother always made sure I had books,"

said Gould, recalling the excitement she felt as a child when the bookmobile came to her hometown of Dixmont, Maine.

It was her love of books, as well as her love of community, that first led her to volunteer at the library, and later to serve as the

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Adam and Meg Gooley work out at 24-7 in Bethel.

A. Aloisio

Windham officials meet tonight with Bethel plan panel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel's Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet tonight (Thursday) with officials from Windham to discuss the development of that town's Strategic/Economic Plan as compared to a Comprehensive Plan, according to Town Manager Christine Landes.

In January Bethel selectmen had voted to ask the town's Comprehensive Plan Committee to turn its attention to the possibility of crafting a strategic plan, with a focus on economic development, instead. The panel had been meeting for two years, but was in a stalemate over how thorough a process was needed to update the 1998 plan. State law requires towns with impact fee ordinances to have a plan, and Bethel has a sewer impact fee.

At a committee meeting in early January, several businesspeople turned out and criticized the plan, which outlines broad goals for the future on such topics as land use, as being unfriendly to business. The suggestion was made to eliminate or redesign the sewer fee to remove the plan requirement for Bethel, and instead look toward a strategic plan. The latter plan more commonly focuses on town infrastructure planning, but can have some components of a Comprehensive Plan.

The Windham officials attending tonight's meeting include Town Manager Tony Plante and Windham Council member David Nadeau. The meeting will take place at the Bethel Town Office at 6:30 p.m.



Brenda Gould is the new librarian at the Arthur L. Mann Library in West Paris.

A. Wight Chapman

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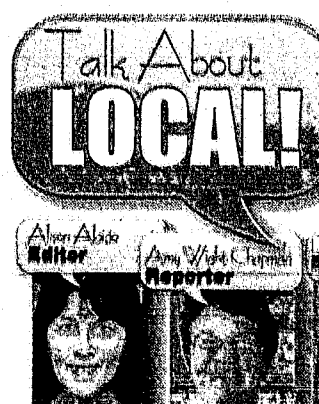
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Letters

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH

To the Editor:

Please let me respond to the letter published in the June 30 edition of the Citizen, begging the question that Marcel Polak has been asking for months, "How will Newry's withdrawal improve education for district students, including those from Newry?"

The reasons for no previous answer to this question from anyone official or otherwise when asked before have several explanations.

Those who recognize a red herring understand this question has been asked repeatedly to distract the public from the real issue on the table. The inequitable tax shift that sparked Newry's withdrawal effort!

This question has nothing to do with the legal process of withdrawal. With many years of experience, surely Mr. Polak understands by now that these issues will be addressed by a newly elected Newry School Board and a hired superintendent, should Newry's citizens ultimately vote to withdraw.

Let's not forget Mr. Polak had a chance to discuss the fine points of the Newry withdrawal proposal that voluntarily addressed this concern during the process, but he chose a different approach. Why is it such a pressing question now while the funding formula negotiations are proceeding?

As a senior member of the School Board Mr. Polak stands on the mantra "It's all about the students! Everything and every decision!" to paint a false conclusion speculating a significantly educationally diminished school system should Newry withdraw. I may remind him part of the motivation Newry residents voted to seek withdrawal was because of a significantly educationally diminished school system. We have come to expect the bully tactics "his team" uses to assert its authority over the good faith efforts by the Newry Withdrawal Committee during negotiations. If all the facts were on the table and openly discussed the "public relations campaign" would be revealed as just that. A PR campaign to cloud the issue!

Not so fast!

Given the fact that Mr. Polak has been lead dog on the SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee and a member of the funding formula negotiations committee, and given the fact he based his argument in his letter to the editor around the school board mantra: a simple disclaimer may ease his conscience but has little credence in the eyes of public trust.

I would respectfully advise Mr. Polak to pay attention to the task at hand and honestly negotiate at the meeting on July 12.

We have had enough of the hokey pokey and stand ready to be treated with a lot more respect. If it truly is all about the students then walk the walk! Be the role model we all want to see emulated.

I am not a member of any committee related to any of the school district proceedings. I speak as a citizen at large from what feels like a third world country under the dictatorship of the SAD 44 regime. If people look past the smoke and mirrors they will realize that this treatment could happen in your town, and to you. Children look to those in education as role models. If we teach our kids that the ends justify the means then where does that leave the truth?

Brooks Morton
Newry

ITEMS SOUGHT FOR GRANGE

To the Editor:

Just a quick note to announce that donations of furniture, household items, dishes, tools, etc. in reasonable and/or in good condition are being sought this summer by Alder River Grange No. 145 in East Bethel. Please no used computer equipment, tires, clothing, white goods, etc.

Anyone having items they wish to donate to the Grange is urged to leave them at any time on my side porch (18 Broad Street) directly across from the Bethel Inn driveway. Alder River Grange has been serving the community since 1904 and makes annual donations to various charities and scholarships for students seeking higher education. Last year, the Grange in partnership with the State Grange, also donated a sign to the East Bethel Cemetery. If pick-up is needed, please call me at 824-2291 and leave a message if I am not at home. Thanks in advance, if you are able to make contributions to assist the Grange in raising funds for its operations and community service projects.

Stan Howe, Treasurer
Alder River Grange No. 145

HOW WITHDRAWAL IMPROVES EDUCATION

To the Editor:

In answer to the question "How will Newry's withdrawal improve education for SAD 44 students?" I respectfully reply that more financial investment by each town will produce more intellectual, emotional, and moral investment in student wellbeing. As it now stands, no town in SAD 44 other than Newry pays even the state average per-pupil tuition rate. It is human nature to be less than careful with money that is not our own. By bearing more of the responsibility for the financing of the SAD 44 budget, each town will naturally become more involved in how that money is spent, and that is a definite improvement for education in SAD 44.

In addition, Newry would provide targeted grants to worthy educational projects based on a town vote, resulting in more money available for SAD 44 students overall. You see, by spending 70 percent of its budget on education, Newry residents are very concerned with how that money is being spent, yet as the funding formula now stands, they have virtually no say in how it's spent. The current state of affairs, with SAD 44 spending (per pupil) 150 percent of the state average on administration (SAD 44 \$1,000; state average: \$666), 170 percent of the state average on facilities (SAD 44: \$2,395; state average: \$1,409), and only 86 percent of the state average on instruction (SAD 44: \$6,113; state average: \$7,080) does not seem to me to be in the best interests of the education of SAD 44 students.

One additional note: The bullying and obfuscating tactics of the SAD 44 School Board during the negotiation process with Newry is definitely a detriment to the education of SAD 44 students. It sets a very poor example for our students: Get your way by stalling, disrespect, and attempting to claim "foul" on technicalities, rather than sincerely working with another party to resolve a problem. Hardly what we want our future leaders to be learning, is it?

Susan Owens
Hanover

(Ed. note: The writer is a former SAD 44 teacher, and is the significant other of Jim Sysko, chairman of the Newry Withdrawal Committee.)

ART FAIR THANKS

To the Editor:

What a wonderful kick-off to the summer we had this past weekend here in Bethel! The "expanded" Bethel Art Fair was a great success, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and willingness of several business owners to step-up and participate with events of their own.

A sincere thanks to Stephanie Herbeck, who spent countless hours working to make the student art exhibits a reality. She worked with Sarah Lane of Bethel Bait Tackle & More and Amanda Moran of Nabos to create the Mini-Masterpieces art show and some creative art activities for kids and their families. Amanda and Sarah really poured their hearts into this, as did Ashley Oliver, the CPS art teacher. Additionally, Stephanie worked with Donna D'Aquino and Lauren Head, as well as Telstar art teacher Tera Ingraham, to create an art show at Art @ 57 MAINE.

Several of our businesses were excited to get involved including The Gem, DiCocca's Market, Elements Gallery, Mill Hill Inn Bistro, Bethel Historical Society, and the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum. Heartfelt thanks to Janet Willie who organized the Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show at her home.

This event would not be possible without the support from the following sponsors: Oxford Federal Credit Union, Good Food Store & Catering Co., Smokin' Good BBQ, Norway Savings Bank, River View Resort, Ruthie's Boutique and The Bethel Inn Resort.

In partnership with the Mahoosuc Arts Council, the Bethel Area Chamber is so pleased with all the involvement and support from our terrific community. Any suggestions for next year are appreciated!

Robin Zinchuk and the Staff of the Bethel Area Chamber

PREVENTION IS KEY FOR LYME DISEASE

To the Editor:

Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne illness in Maine and the US.

According to the 2016 Maine CDC Legislative report, there were 1,171 NEW cases. The CDC says the ACTUAL numbers may be 10 times that or 11,710. Although it is heralded as the universal symptom of Lyme disease, only 51 percent of those blood-test-positive cases presented with a rash. All of Maine is considered an endemic area. Up to 70 percent of the ticks tested in Maine were positive for the Lyme bacteria. In addition to Lyme disease, Maine now has cases of Anaplasmosis, Bartonella, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and in 2013 there was a death from the untreatable Powassan virus in southern Maine. All of these are tick-borne illness and can all be transmitted by a single tick bite.

The National CDC says there are 300,000 NEW cases each year in the US. That breaks down to the following:

25,000 new cases every month
More than 5,555 new cases every week
More than 793 new cases each day
More than 33 new cases each hour
And a new case every 2 minutes!

THAT is an unrecognized health crisis! An under-diagnosed epidemic!

For whatever reason, Lyme disease is a VERY controversial illness. The medical community is divided into two "sides." One says Lyme is hard to get and easy to diagnose and cure. The other says it's easy to catch, hard to diagnose and even harder to treat. Until recently there was two standards of care, recognized by the US Dept of Health. Most doctors referred to the "old" guidelines which are no longer recognized, are outdated and have been removed from the National Guidelines Clearinghouse. See the Clearinghouse for the only currently accepted guidelines at:

<https://www.guideline.gov/search/search.aspx?term=lyme+disease>

Because treatment is hard to get, the ONLY way to guarantee not getting sick is to not get bitten!!!! PREVENTION, PREVENTION, PREVENTION!!!! If you wouldn't go out in the sun without sunscreen, don't go out into tick habitat without repellent. Use a repellent with 25 percent DEET which has been deemed safe even by the National Pediatric Association. For those who prefer a natural option, use a repellent with 20 percent Picaridin or "REPEL" with Eucalyptus and lemon. Both have scientific research and testing to support their effectiveness. In addition, wear light colored clothes and a hat. Tuck shirts into pants and pants into socks. Stay on a path in the woods whenever possible and CHECK, CHECK, CHECK! DO TICK CHECKS AT LEAST DAILY. Use your fingers to feel for anything "strange." ALWAYS use tweezers to remove a tick. Grab it as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out. NEVER put anything on a tick, burn it, twist it, etc. The point is to get the tick off without agitating it. If a tick is agitated during the removal process, it is WAY more likely to spew whatever disgusting bacteria it may be carrying directly into your body.

Have a WONDERFUL summer in our great state of Maine but....be safe and be tick smart....REPEL, INSPECT and REMOVE and if necessary, GET IT RIGHT AND TREAT THE BITE!

For more information about tick-borne illness, for help with getting treatment and/or getting your insurance company to pay, contact us at: mtvalleydac@yahoo.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/mtvalleydac

Diane Farnum, Rhonda Buker
Co-Founders, Mt. Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Cindy Hiebert was the recipient of the 2006 Realtor of the Year Award for the Western Maine Board of Realtors.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust hosted "Sunday in Janie's Garden" at Jane Vogt's home on Broad Street.

Births: Austin Michael Hebert, Nathan Robert Clarey.

Deaths: Pauline Wieden, Beryl R. Waisanen.

20 years ago: The Middle Intervale Meeting-house quilt show attracted many visitors.

Civil Air Patrol Cadets were learning search-and-rescue techniques from Air Force personnel at the Bog Brook Training Facility in Gilead.

30 years ago: Mary Beth Bayerlein, Ginger Kelly, and Robin Zinchuk participated in a three-day Outward Bound course.

Maine Department of Conservation officials opened the first public boat access site on Upper Richardson Lake.

Death: Woodbury H. Tracy.

40 years ago: The Bethel Bicentennial Committee sponsored a number of special events over the 4th of July weekend including a contra dance, youth walking parade, a field day for children, a picnic and variety show, and fireworks.

The Bethel Republican Town Committee held a lawn party for Congressman Bill Cohen at the Mayville home of Dana and Barbara Douglass.

Births: Sara Marie Brooks, Jonathan Robert Bangs.

Death: John Syll LeClair.

50 years ago: Fire fighters from Bethel, Rumford, and Hanover were called out to a fire in cut-over area on the Charles Bartlett property. Winds spread the fire rapidly over about two acres.

The Bethel Teens sponsored a dance for 12-19 year olds in the Gould parking lot. Admission was 35¢, and entertainment was by Music Inc.

Death: Mrs. Mary E. (Mamie) Twitchell, Jean Claude St. Hilaire, Sgt. James B. Bartlett.

60 years ago: Nearly 100 local citizens enjoyed a preview of the remodeled and redecorated guest house known at the Elms at the Bethel Inn.

Employees of Hanover Dowel Co. enjoyed their annual outing at Abbott's Anchorage. Among the day's events were swimming, boating and a picnic dinner.

Birth: Joseph Girardin.

70 years ago: Henry H. Hastings, Jr. was admitted to the Maine bar by Supreme Court Justice Arthur Chapman, retired.

Mrs. Ethel Bisbee and Mrs. Blanche Howe attended the National PTA convention at Buffalo, N.Y. Mrs. Bisbee was a delegate.

80 years ago: At a special meeting, Bethel Village Corporation voted to motorize hook and ladder and hose equipment.

The first transoceanic telephone call from Bethel was made. The call was to London, England.

Deaths: Mrs. Nellie Holt, Mrs. Mary E. Rafter.

90 years ago: The cellar was being dug for a house to be erected for Arthur Herrick on Vernon Street.

110 years ago: The Ladies' Aid of the M.E. church held a lawn party at the home of Mrs. Ada Wight, Vernon Street on July 4.

Fifty members of the graduating class of the grammar school and invited guests enjoyed a picnic to the Twaddle farm in Gilead. The trip was made in two hay-racks drawn by four horses each.

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Contest

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modeled the competition after one sponsored by the Greater Rumford Community Center.

"They had a lot of success," she said.

Hers started just as the GRCC one concluded.

Bennett said couples doing the contest together fared the best overall, because of the built-in support system and the shared meals.

Adam said Meg went right online and found healthy meal recipes for them. "She turned our diets around," he said.

Meg said she had tried weight loss before on her own. "It's a lot easier together," she said.

The participants also got support from several area restaurants, which designed meals geared to them. Bennett arranged to have the restaurants give 'chips' to participants who ate those meals that counted for a half-pound on their next weigh-in. Taking part were Rooster's Roadhouse, The Suds Pub and Kowloon in Bethel, and the Local Hub in Greenwood.

Participants said another plus from the contest has been meeting and socializing with the other contestants.

"We've met a lot of cool people," said Adam. "We've had little rivalries,



SUCCESES- Brian Peterson, left, gets his final weigh-in with Courtney Bennett. He lost 43 pounds. At right, Christine Landes provided these before-and-after photos of herself. She lost 25.9 pounds for a percent loss of 13.07. Bennett credited volunteers Heather Roderick, who helped set up spreadsheets to keep track of participants' weight loss, and Cherri Crockett, who taught nutrition classes and set up other challenges for participants along the way, with helping to make the effort successful.

pushing each other." Another competitor was Christine Landes, who is Bethel's town manager.

"This community-wide competition was great fun," she said. "I loved the competition, because I knew it made me accountable to the 'public.' With this adventure, results

were posted bi-weekly on a group Facebook page, so everyone involved knew if I had a loss. I looked forward to the posting of the stats to see where I stood." She also had a side competition going on.

"Besides the overall program participation, I also challenged another indi-

vidual to our own weight loss competition. We had consequences for the lowest percentage of weight loss, which inspired me more than a cash prize."

Bennett said she plans to run another competition, probably early next year. Some of this year's participants plan to be back,

"I look forward to participating again," said Landes.

PRIZES

For his effort Gooley received \$500 cash, a one-year gym membership, an Arbonne Phyto Sport Pack, a Workout 24-7 T-Shirt and a half hour full body massage with a li-

censed massage therapist. The total value is \$1,062, Bennett said.

The two couples with the most combined loss - the Gooleys and Mark and Courtney McPherson - will also receive \$30 gift certificates to the Good Food Store, Bennett said.

Librarian

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substitute librarian, then the regular Saturday librarian.

A lifelong learner
A certified clinical herbalist who specializes in medicinal mushrooms, Gould runs a small business, Bear and Bumblebee Herbs. She forages for wild plants and mushrooms, raises perennial herbs, and teaches classes through adult education programs or at botanical schools in Maine.

Her education in herbal medicine began when she was growing up, part of a large extended family in Dixmont. Her grandfather was very knowledgeable about herbs and medicinal plants and he passed much of his knowledge on to her. "At that time, it was something folks just knew," she said, adding that she had always had a strong interest in herbs, but "didn't know you could make a career out of it."

Gould moved to western Maine from Dixmont about 30 years ago, after meeting her husband, West Paris native John Haney. They live in a farmhouse on 125 acres of woods and fields that once belonged to Haney's

grandfather, J.H. Ellingwood, a logger and sawmill operator.

She continued to study herbal medicine, first in Vermont with herbalist Rosemary Gladstar, and then at the Southwest School of Botanical Medicine in Arizona, where she studied for six months under its late founder, Michael Moore.

A firm believer in the value of lifelong learning, Gould applied the same passion for continuing education when she decided to become involved with the library.

She recently attended a meeting for new library directors in Augusta that provided a valuable orientation experience as well as opportunities to network with other Maine librarians.

Although she does not have a degree in library science, she has partici-

pated in the Maine State Library's voluntary public librarian certification program, through which she has completed all three available levels of certification—basic, intermediate, and advanced.

Certification is offered through a series of webinars with topics that range from building, cataloging, and maintaining collections to fundraising and special events programming.

"It's really a good program," Gould said. "It's very accessible, and there is no charge to libraries or to participants."

She began the voluntary certification program in 2014, and completed one level of certification each year for the next three years.

When longtime West Paris librarian Patty Makley retired earlier this year, Gould was one of 11 ap-

plicants to replace her, and she was thrilled to be hired for the position.

For small-town librarians, she said, "the job is a labor of love. We do it because we love the work, and we love the community."

"This is something I've dreamed of being able to do for a good part of my life."

Summer programs
Summer is a busy time at the library.

Children through age 12 may obtain information about the Summer Reading Program at the circulation desk and sign up from now through July 13.

Story Time is held every Wednesday morning from 10:00-10:45. Stories are primarily aimed at toddlers and preschool ages, but children of all ages from birth through 5 are welcome, as well as their sib-

lings and families. Children listen to a story, then stay for snacks and play. They must be accompanied by a responsible older person.

A Seniors Plus Long Distance Learning Class, "City at Sea," will be streamed live to the library on Thursday, July 28 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Instructor Alan Elze will discuss spending six months on a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Call Seniors Plus at 795-4010 or 1-800-427-1241 to register for this free class.

The current exhibit at the library is Photographs of Nature, by Debra Kocika of West Paris and Mesa, Ariz., depicting her travels in Australia, New Zealand, the U.K., and much of North America. An opening reception will be held tonight (July 7) from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and the pho-

tographs will be on display through August 15.

The Friends of the West Paris Library have purchased a reduced admission pass to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray as a gift to the community. Library members may use the pass to obtain admission to the park for \$3.00 per person.

The library's weekly poetry discussion group with facilitator Rodney Abbott is on hiatus for the summer, but will resume in September.

The West Paris Library is open Mondays and Fridays from 1:30 - 6 p.m., Wednesdays from 1:30 - 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For information on these and other programs, call 674-2004 or visit the library's Facebook page or the website, www.westparislibrary.org.

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KEIM CANDIDATE FOR SENATE 18

Lisa Keim of Dixfield has announced that she is seeking the Republican nomination for State Senate District 18, according to a press release. The district encompasses most of northern and central Oxford County, plus Livermore and Livermore Falls. Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap recently declared the nomination vacant after former Representative Gary Knight dropped out for health reasons. This election marks Keim's return to politics after her narrow loss in a State House race in 2012. The nominating caucus, where registered Republican residents of State Senate District 18 can vote for who will represent the Republican party on the November ballot, will be held at the monthly Oxford County Republican Committee meeting in Bethel on July 12.

String program concludes successful first year



Mahoosuc Strings students Forest Pelletier, Katherine Haley, Teddy Doyle, Claire Greene, John Doyle, and Emma Newell perform together at the Methodist Church, accompanied on piano by their instructor, Duncan McFarland.

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Six students of the Mahoosuc Strings instrumental music program gave a recital for their family and friends at the Methodist Church in Bethel recently.

The performance wrapped up the first year of the program, in which students ranging in age from six to 17 received after-school lessons on string instruments from Duncan McFarland.

McFarland also serves as the elementary instrumental music teacher for both SAD 44 and Andover Elementary School. Accompanied on piano by McFarland, each of the students gave a solo performance, then the entire group played together.

Thanks to a grant from the Bethel Rotary Club, Mahoosuc Strings organizer Lee Smith was able to present violinists Katherine Haley and John Doyle with instruments to keep. Both are high school students and plan to continue with violin lessons in the fall.

Smith said the program still has some full-size violins for students to use while taking lessons.

She said lessons will continue in the

fall, and added that the popularity of the program may mean the addition of a second instructor.

"Duncan has a full schedule, and we had to turn some kids away this year," she said.

Smith obtained the instruments the students are using for lessons from The Gifts of Music, a Bangor-based non-profit which collects, cleans, and restores used musical instruments.

The organization works with private music instructors and school music programs to provide the instruments to students as part of its mission to keep music education and performance alive in Maine.

Smith, who herself began playing the cello in the fourth grade through a music program in her elementary school, believes that early exposure to music and the opportunity for young people to take lessons can provide a lifetime of pleasure.

String instruments, in particular, can be very versatile, she said. Over the years, she has played in orchestras and chamber ensembles, and she continues to get together to play for fun with other local musicians.

Woodstock

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NEW PARKING FOR BUCKS HIKERS—A new parking area is in place in Woodstock for hikers headed to Bucks and Lapham ledges. This spring selectmen had heard concerns about the safety of people parking along the road by Route 26. Selectman Mike Nadeau suggested contacting the property owner, Wagner Forest Management, to ask about clearing a spot and adding gravel just off Route 26. Wagner agreed and cleared the trees, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. The town then hauled in gravel at an estimated cost of under \$1,000, he said. There is parking for about five cars, but Maxfield said there is room to expand, if needed.

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But the purchase and sale agreement for the property terminated on June 6 because his contingencies were not satisfied and the closing did not happen.

The town had asked to close when the permits are obtained, but without the additional funding and contracts in place, Maxfield said.

But Gordet wrote in a July 5 letter, "I am unwilling to risk loss of boat access or the time and expense of exercising the negotiated repurchase right if the project cannot be completed ... I do not see why the town wants to spend the money to purchase the land if the project is not fully funded and set to go."

He offered a year's extension for the process/project to be completed for the summer of 2017.

The selectmen voted unanimously to accept the terms.

Other business

The town has completed paving projects on Gore and Cushman roads and Railroad and Grove streets, Maxfield told the

board. He said since then a skidder had crossed Cushman Road and made holes in the new pavement. He said he would try to get the owner to pay for repairs.

Selectmen accepted fuel bids of \$1.978/gal. for diesel and \$1.759 for heating from C.N. Brown, the only bidder.

The board voted to donate \$500 to a local all-star softball team playing in games from July 13-17 in Barrington, N.H.

Maxfield also told selectmen the town's assessing agent estimates the town valuation of approximately \$190,000,000 will increase by about \$4 million next year, largely due to improvements to and increases in value of Central Maine Power equipment.

On July 19 at 6 p.m. the board will hold a public hearing on abandoning 1,600 feet of the Ricker Road, off Billings Hill Road. Maxfield said the move was requested by property owner Warren Hillquist. Maxfield said the town has only plowed to a certain point on Ricker Road for as long as he has been town manager.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Upper Sunday River School House moved

The Upper Sunday River School House was purchased by Bill and Donna Purdie and Vaughan and Elizabeth Sanborn from the Sunday River Skiway. Tuesday morning the Dana E. Watson & Son Building Movers of Naples moved the school house from where it has stood since about 1829 to the Purdie's and Sanborn's home at the junction of the Sunday River and Outward Bound roads. Bruce Pierce alerted me as to move and I met the Purdies at the Pierce's home where we watched the move from Bruce's driveway (see photos, Page 5).

See: <http://www.thebetheljournals.info/move-newriverschool.htm>.

Alan Fleet, who has lived near the old school house just about all his life, joined the new owners after the move was over and passed on lots of history tidbits about the new acquisition. One of these tidbits was about the school being used for many years to house the Sunday River snow roller. Now that the old school house is in safe hands it will be refurbished and used for family and recreational equipment storage. The old snow roller has been sitting on the Bethel Historical Society's back lot for over 20 years now. We have a photo in my grandmother's family history of the snow roller, its team of eight horses and crew plus onlookers arriving at the Crosby's Red House in the winter of 1923.

A brief history of the school house was printed in the Aug. 21, 1980 issue of the Bethel Citizen as part of a series of articles appearing prior to the celebration of the 175th anniversary of Newry's incorporation. The 1896 photo of the school, the students and teacher along with the article identified one of the students as Robert Bean (1884-1977) and the photo's caption naming the students was credited to Robert Bean. In the 1940s and 50s the Bean family homestead stood where the Matter-

horn Ski Bar is today. Rob Bean kept a small dairy herd and sold his milk to my parents for their dairy business in Bethel. In the 1920s and 30s Rob Bean was a regular correspondent with my grandfather Howell Crosby also starting his letters with Dear Friend Crosby; he along with John Nowlin and Jim Reynolds kept my grandparents up to date of what was happening in Sunday River when the Crosby's were not there.

Art Fair Weekend

This year's Art Fair weekend had more exhibits than you could shake a stick at. The six I picked to visit and report on were 1) Elements Art Gallery at the Philbrook Place; 2) Places of Memory at the Bethel Historical Society; 3) Art @ 53 Maine; 4) Shy, Novice and Closeted at Janet Willie's house; 5) the Bethel Art Fair on the Common and 6) Plein Air Art at Mary Isam's home-stand.

To see some of the displayed art: <http://www.thebetheljournals.info/art2016.htm>.

These exhibits showed some outstanding work in oil, pastels and water colors and generally these pieces were the work of local amateur artists. The Bethel Art Fair which generally fills the Common had only one Bethel exhibitor, Reggie Brown's "Hooked on Country Wooden Furniture." One comment I heard was that the art fair was "getting a little stale." The around town Bethel exhibits more than make up for local art gaps in the big show on the Common.

Elements Art Gallery, Sara Hemeon, had some eye-catching oils by Carol Kutz and a superb painting by Estelle Harrington of the Swan barn during peak foliage. What caught my eye was the large painting by Dean McCrillis that touched all the Bethel bases: mounted moose horns, rustic furniture and an open fire in a wood stove on a tile panel base. This gallery had a surprise piece, a summer outdoor view of mountains and clouds by Walter Clark.

At the Shy, Novice and Closeted exhibit, Sarahanne and Rose Wright had a wonderful painting of dad and young son and their dogs fishing from a boat dock.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council was one of the agencies along with the Mahoosuc Land Trust and a Bethel Conservation Commission plus a Bethel Retirement Community that grew out of a Bethel "Visioning" Conference held in October 1988. What has happened in the last decade or so is the blooming of more art initiatives like those of Mary Isam and Janet Willie. Using your home as an exhibit studio gives the visitor an organized and more focused tour. It helps the viewer by better seeing (and hopefully recognizing) the more personal approach used by the artist to his or her art.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



We sure cannot complain about this great summer weather we have been having. Just keep being aware of the high fire danger throughout the State. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

I hope everyone had a terrific holiday weekend. Please, let me know about it and call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

In the spirit of July 4, here is the new Trivia question: When did Congress establish Independence Day as a holiday and when did Congress reaffirm it as a paid holiday for federal workers? Have a great week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Hello friends. Not much to report this week. We had a nice holiday

weekend in Cambridge and Errol with log rolling, fishing tourney, and fireworks. We attended a wedding in Fryeburg at an old farm on the Fourth of July, which brought us together with friends old and new. We even got on to the dance floor for a few turns. Now I'm back in West Bethel and ready for another work week. May your days be filled with good deeds and joy! Thanks for reading and please contact me with your news at 836-2266 or at paulkmarie@gmail.com.

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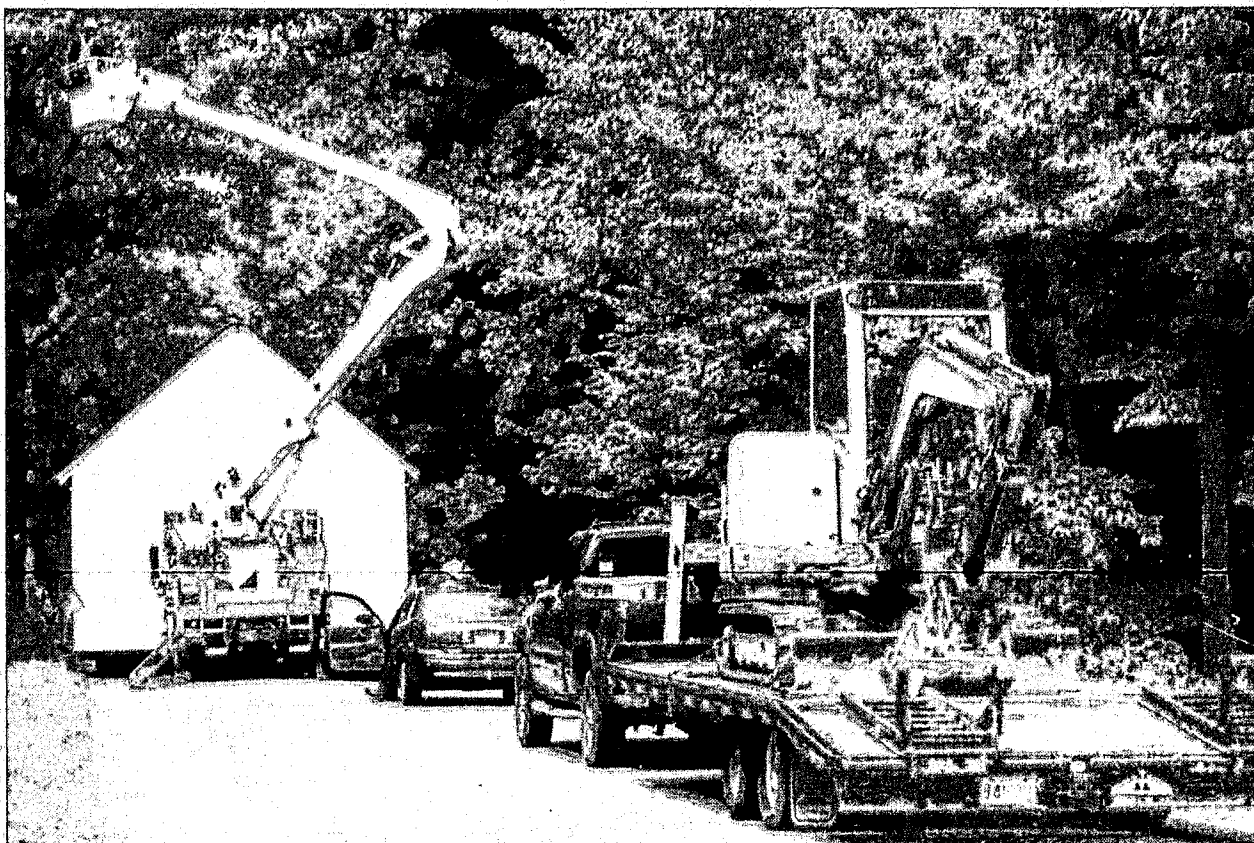
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SCHOOL HOUSE ON THE MOVE Last Tuesday the Upper Sunday River School House moved from its original location to a new one overlooking the Outward Bound Road. For more, see Bethel column.

D. Bennett



From the OCS

Patrol Log

Monday, June 27

At 2:48 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris responded to Paradise Road in Bethel for a report of a burglary, with a laptop stolen. The investigation was ongoing.

Tuesday, June 28

At 9 a.m. a subject on Railroad Street in Bethel reported a theft of medication from an unlocked vehicle. The investigation was ongoing.

At 11:55 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell did a traffic stop on the East Bethel Road. Brian Piawlock, 28, of Bethel was charged with OUI and violation of bail conditions.

Wednesday, June 29

At 1:35 a.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy Derek MacDonald arrested Glenn T. Wisner, 50, of North Carolina for OUI.

Thursday, June 30

At 1:57 p.m. a subject reported damage to a property on Broad Street in Bethel. There was also a theft reported from the location. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris was assigned.

At 6:04 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham received a report of a threat at the boat launch on Baker Road in Bethel. Deputies spoke with all involved parties.

Monday, July 4

At 3:12 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris responded to a complaint of a theft on Railroad Street in Bethel. Samuel A. Drew, 18, of Bethel was summonsed for theft and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

At 3:08 p.m. deputies located a wallet on Mayville Road in Bethel, and were awaiting contact with the owner.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Olde Home Day Committee will be holding its final meeting before the big event on Aug. 5, 6 and 7 this evening, July 7, at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. If you'd like to help out (there are always last minute things to be taken care of) come to the meeting.

The Andover Historical Society met recently to plan the annual Flower Show in conjunction with Olde Home Day Weekend. The show's theme this year will honor Molycock, the Native American who resided in this area and was helpful to the early settlers. This year marks the 200th anniversary of her death and a special commemoration of that will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. at her gravesite in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Andover Public Library will be hosting a summer reading program for children from Kindergarten through grade 5 beginning on July 16 through Aug. 13. Please come to the library to sign up or call 392-4841.

There are a couple of important committee meetings scheduled for Wednesday, July 13. The Cemetery Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on that date. This group has spent a

great deal of time amassing information about Perpetual Care Fund donations and formulating plans for continued care of the cemetery. Judy Tabb is the Chairman. The other meeting on the 13th at 6:30 p.m. is the group looking at Town Government to see if the current structure really fits the needs of the Town and the service expected by the public.

The Western Maine Firemen's Association will meet in the Andover Town Hall on July 11.

The Selectmen have been informed by Douglas Coombs of Maine DOT that the bid for the work to

be done on the Farrington bridge in East Andover was opened on July 6 and repairs to the bridge will be completed by Aug. 26 in time for the opening of school which will eliminate problems with buses, however, over that six-week span of time detours will be in effect and East Andover people will be inconvenienced. The public's patience with this will be appreciated and the result of a safer bridge will be worth it.

The following might be called the case of the elusive rabbit. Main Street

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on July 11, 2016 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License application for The Gem located at 23 Cross St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

Christen Mason
Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on July 11, 2016 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal for The Mill Hill Inn located at 24 Mill Hill Rd. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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resident, Mike Clement, has been trying to catch a domesticated rabbit who likes to dine on flowers in Sandra's garden. Lettuce and other greens used as enticement have failed to whet the rabbit's appetite. So far the rabbit has escaped being trapped in a cage and even found his way out of the fish net he was caught in much to the frustration of Mike. So if you see Mike chasing something with his fish net, don't be alarmed, he still has all of his faculties. Updates on this story can be had by gathering at the Liar's table at Mills Market.

Next week I will have a complete run-down of the proposed Special Town Meeting which will ask for permission to transfer monies from one account no longer in use to others. This will not impact the already proposed budget voted on at Town Meeting in March. The Town will also be asked to decide what it wants to do about repairs to Engine 43 in the Fire Department. At the moment the meeting is scheduled for July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. I've heard a lot of argument about having this meeting because it's summer, etc., but these things really need to be taken care of now, please plan to attend so that we do have a good representation of citizens.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The rain last week was very welcome. The lawn was getting pretty dry and it helped a little bit. The thunder showers that kept rolling through were not appreciated very much.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy during his vacation and trying to get a lot done before starting back up at SAD 44 after the holiday.

We saw on Don Bennett's Bethel Journals page on Facebook that the old upper Sunday River schoolhouse had been moved. Hugh and I decided to take a ride up to check it out. The building was moved onto the property that Hugh's family used to own for many years. They

owned that farmhouse and the surrounding several acres that is now Outward Bound. He spent many years throughout his youth going to the 'Farm' on the weekends. It is now owned by Vaughn and Elizabeth Sanborn and Bill and Donna Purdie. Elizabeth and Vaughn were there and we stopped to visit for a while. Hugh got a tour of the house and there were quite a few things that looked the same. We are now on a quest to find some more old pictures for them.

Norm Buttrick was in Gilead for the holiday weekend at his house on the Bog Road.

Tim and Michele Chapman hosted a belated birthday celebration for Hugh and an early celebration for Michele's mom, Ann. Everyone gathered at the Yokohama in Gorham, N.H. last Sunday. After lunch there was a beautiful birthday cake that everyone enjoyed. Both Hugh and Ann received a beautiful blanket with several favorite photographs of the families that were printed on them with a special process done by Shutterfly, which is an internet-based image publishing service.

Those present besides Tim and Michele, were Hugh and Lin Chapman and the grandchildren, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Sidney Chapman and Ajay Landry. Also, Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau, her Uncle Tom Goulet and her niece, Denise and family. We were also surprised when we walked in to see Bob and Judy Bishop. Sidney decided that they needed to be invited when she was helping Judy set up for Friends and Family Day. That was a good idea, glad she did.

Gilead Historical Society
Hugh and I were out on the corner and had the buildings open last Saturday. We were joined by Mary Tyler and Bob and Judy Bishop.

We had several people stop by to check out the buildings. Since it was a holiday weekend, there was a lot of traffic on Route 2.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WRIGHT CHAPMAN



As I write this at about 9 p.m. on the Fourth of July, I can hear quite

a few fireworks going off, although I think a lot of people had to head home from their long weekend this afternoon, and much of the consumer fireworks activity around here took place on Sunday evening.

There were several displays around the shores of North Pond on Sunday, including one from our own dock, and several more on Monday. I didn't hear many after 10 p.m. so I hope that means that people were respectful of their neighbors, even though the state's fireworks rules allow their use until 12:30 a.m. on Fourth of July weekend.

Of course, I was so exhausted from a weekend of company and lots of activities that I doubt I would have heard them after 10 p.m. if they had been set off under my bed!

My sister and I picked strawberries at Stevenson's in Wayne last Thursday. They had been closed for three days to allow the berries to ripen, so the picking was good. We arrived as the fields were opening at 7 a.m. and between us we picked three flats for ourselves and three for the church's Strawberry Festival in just a little over an hour. The rest of the pickers from the church were just arriving as we were leaving.

I had to go up to Bethel to sell tickets for the library's dining raffle on Saturday morning, so I didn't get to go to the Strawberry Festival, but it looked like it was in full swing when I drove by at about 8 a.m. Everything was over by the time I returned at noon, and I heard they sold out fairly early, so it must have been a great success.

I made two batches of strawberry jam on Thursday, four strawberry-rhubarb pies on Friday, strawberry shortcake for 11 people on Saturday, and a festive red, white, and blue icebox cake with strawberries and blueberries for 14 people on Sunday. It was more cooking (and eating!) than I'd done in quite a while - I had to walk around the lake two mornings in a row and

mow our whole lawn (over an acre) to make up for it!

Cathy Newell is working on a major rug-hooking project - a large rug showing a view down Church Street in Bethel, looking from the Common. It's going to be mighty impressive when it's finished. She has a lot of assistance on the project from their orange cat, Clancy.

This Saturday from 10 to 3 is the treasure sale at the Jackson Silver American Legion Post on the Gore Road. Proceeds will benefit the Greenwood Bicentennial Committee. The Legion Auxiliary will be selling refreshments.

Margie Mills and Kim Sparks were up at the Bethel Art Fair on Saturday, selling Bicentennial T-shirts and other commemorative items on the lawn of the Bethel Historical Society. Both of those wonderful people, and many others, have put untold hours into planning, organizing, and fundraising in preparation for the Bicentennial Celebration on Aug. 12, 13, and 14. I hope they realize how much it is appreciated!

I saw Joyce Hathaway's daughter Jane at the Art Fair and was very pleased to hear that both she and her mother will be painting antique school desks from the Locke Mills School for the auction, to be held during the Bicentennial weekend. We are fortunate to have so many talented artists taking part in this project, and the completed desks I have seen so far are amazing. If you haven't seen them yet, you can get a sneak peek at the Town Office.

I heard that the first Friday Fiddle Jam at the Town Hall was lots of fun. Organizer Monica Mann plans to hold them each Friday at 6 p.m., so stop by to hear some good music.

Call or e-mail me with your news - 875-5511 or amy.w.chapman@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Upton's weather for the long July 4 weekend was not great, most of it was cool and windy.

A large percentage of the seasonal homes in town were occupied for all or part of the weekend. Fireworks could be heard intermittently each evening.

Hopefully everyone had a fun and safe weekend.

The annual Upton House yard sale will take place Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9. "Breakfast on the (Upton House) Porch" will be Saturday, July 9. The yard sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Offered for purchase will be antiques, furniture, appliances, clothing, tools and other treasures. All proceeds will be given to the Religious of Jesus and Mary Haiti missions.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Evidently the bear that has been menacing North Newry has been caught.

After visiting Norm Davis' garage a few times, the bear was finally caught in an I.F.&W bear trap. Another bear was seen this week up at Albert Morton's house. He has seen it a couple of times over the weekend. Hopefully we are at the end of the "bear season." Keep the reports of bear sightings coming in.

What a great 4th of July weekend! The temperature and weather were just perfect and there seemed to be plenty of people around to enjoy it. Step Falls parking was flowing out into the road as well as the Appalachian Trail parking lot. It's great to see all the people enjoying the area, but it might be time to go to the State, and make a request to add some more parking at the A.T. parking facility. I would hope the citizens of Maine would be willing to give up a little piece of Grafton Notch State Park, so the state could add to the parking lot, which should make it a safer area for everyone.

I tried to find a meeting date for the S.A.D. 44 taxation reformulation committee on the school website but did not have any luck, so I called Committee Member Bob Lowell and he informed me that the next committee meeting is on July 12th. The last meeting was at 6:30 and at the high school library. I'm not sure about the time and place of this meeting. While talking to Bobby, he said this spring, his son Eric had been put on the President's List at

Husson college, and was also voted to the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Great job Eric! Keep up the good work and we'll see you around this summer I hope.

Don't forget about the Tough Mountain Challenge on July 23rd at Sunday River. The event is based out of South Ridge Lodge. The first heat starts off at 8 o'clock. Come join the fun and good luck to all the participants and the event.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Mona and I spent the Fourth of July weekend camping at Twitchell Pond with

Craig and Jane Ryerson, after they invited us to join them on their lot there. They have a beautiful spot there with all the hookups necessary for camping with an RV. They even invited us to bring Shiloh because they were hoping he would keep the geese from littering their lot, if you get my gist. Trouble was, Shiloh only got to chase them off once because that was the only time we saw them on the grass. The geese were cruising around, but they only came ashore when Shiloh wasn't outside.

Jane had invited lots of the extended family for a Fourth of July picnic on Saturday, and there was a good crowd, including about a dozen children. Keith Ryerson's 3 year old daughter Ava loved Shiloh. She fed him lots of potato chips and could not get enough of throwing sticks into the water for Shiloh to swim out and retrieve for her. Trouble was Shiloh was so exuberant I had to keep him from hitting her with the sticks, when he came running back with them. Shiloh weighs about 110 pounds, an imposing beast for a little girl.

Our camping was interrupted on Saturday evening while we attended the public supper at the West Bethel Union Church, where Mona had agreed to provide macaroni salad. Sunday afternoon we attended the graveside service for Arlene Bean, who passed away on Thursday prior. It was a beautiful service conducted under a powder blue summer sky and cooled by a gently northwesterly breeze.

Notice of Public Hearing to consider a Road Abandonment

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Town Office on July 19, 2016 at 6:00PM.

This hearing is to consider a request to abandon a 1600' section, more or less, of the Ricker Road. This section of Ricker Road has not been maintained by the Town of Woodstock for 30 years or more according to available records and is presumed abandoned according to 23-M.R.S.A. sub. 3028.

The Municipal Officers will determine at this time, based on available information, whether the road is to be presumed abandoned. A request for this determination was made by the abutting landowner.

Selectmen, Town of Woodstock
June 21, 2016

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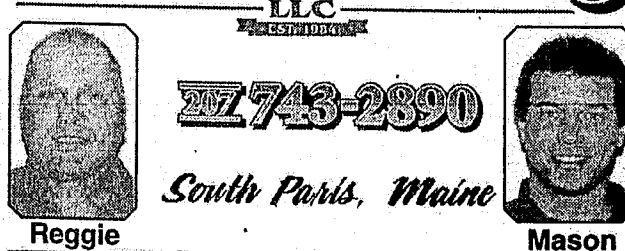
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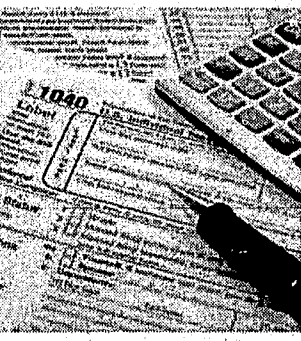
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Monday morning we packed up early, so we could be home early to watch over Harper and Noah, while Carrie and Neil worked on the finishing touches on their new house-lot and basement floor in preparation for delivery of their house later this week, possibly today. Our trip home was delayed a bit as we passed Alma and Florence's house, as their neighbors had felled a large oak tree, which brought down the electric wires, the phone cable and TV cable. They had failed to take into account the large oak limb which extended eastward over the Flat Road and brought down the wires! When we got home, we were without power for nearly three hours!

Not only that, but our garage door opener failed to budge the door, so we were locked out, and neither of us remembered where the one door key that opens one of our doors was! We resolved to spend more time in the camper until the power came back home. But, when Neil and Carrie arrived with the kids, Neil remembered seeing a key hanging on a nail in the barn. Sure enough, we were soon allowed into the house. How the key got on that nail, I have no idea!

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Special Recognition Congratulations to Bob Susbury of Hanover who has been recognized by the 127th Maine State Legislature for his "40-year commitment to testing and reporting the water quality of Howard Pond in Hanover and for his dedication to the Howard Pond Preservation Association." An official expression of sentiment was presented to Mr. Susbury last Saturday morning, July 2, by Representative Frances Mills Head at the annual meeting of the Howard Pond Preservation Association which took place under the Hanover Picnic Pavilion. Thank you, Bob, for all you have done over the past four decades to help keep Howard Pond so beautiful and pristine. (Please see this issue of the Bethel Citizen for photo of the presentation.)

Friends of GRML The Directors and Trustees of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library invite you to become a "Friend of GRML". Following the Library's Annual Meeting this coming Tuesday, July 12, the Library will host an informal social for



SUSBURY RECOGNIZED—Robert Susbury (right) of Hanover and Rumford received an award from the State of Maine 127th Legislature for his "40-year commitment to testing and reporting the water quality of Howard Pond in Hanover, and for his dedication to the Howard Pond Preservation Association." An official expression of sentiment was presented to Susbury Saturday morning, July 2, by Rep. Frances Mills Head at the annual meeting of the Howard Pond Preservation Association, which took place under the Hanover Picnic Pavilion. Also pictured is Clarke Reiner, legislative aide, House Republican Office.

Maria Holloway

anyone wishing to learn more about the Library, meet the officers, and learn about ways in which you may participate in Library events, fundraisers and other activities. Citizens of Hanover and all surrounding towns are welcomed. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. The Friends of the Library social will begin at 6:30 pm under the Hanover Picnic Pavilion. We hope to see you there. This is a family event and children are welcome to attend.

July 19th Cruise In!

Don't forget the Classic Car Cruise in on July 19th hosted by Stony Brook Variety and Recreation. The show is scheduled for 5:30 pm at Stony Brook Campground located just east of Newry Corner on Rt 2 in Hanover. The event is free and open to the public. There will be delicious home cooked food available for purchase including pizza, hot and cold sandwiches and baked goods as well as a hot dog, chip, drink and dessert special for only \$3.00. All are welcome to show their cars and visit the show.

Elise Caswell Remembered
Condolences go out to the family of Elise Caswell of Bethel who passed unexpectedly last week. The following is taken from the Western Mountains Senior College blog in a tribute to Elise:
"Elise was a regular member of the Drawing and Painting class, where her fun-loving spirit and creative energy captivated us all. Elise facilitated two writing classes for WMSC, "Wild Writes" and "Cut and Paste Poetry," both of which were well received. She was a passionate lover of Earth and Mother Nature, as evidenced in her life and poetry. Last summer a dozen or so of us attended Elise's first (and only) poetry read-

ing in Bethel, where we were deeply moved by the beauty, sensitivity and depth of her words. Elise had just dropped off her "Parliament of Owls" series of paintings for the Shy, Novice and Closeted Art Show when she died suddenly. Elise was truly a free spirit, and we will miss her terribly."

To honor Elise's life and creative force, Janet Willie dedicated this year's Shy, Novice and Closeted art show to her which was held this past Saturday in Bethel. Her family is planning a celebration of life. Details will follow.

Please contact me with your news, comments, questions at HanoverMe-News@gmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Grange Hall in Bryant Pond on Thursday, July 7 at 11:30. Following the meeting dinner will be served by the Grange.

On Saturday, July 9 the Woodstock Historical Society will hold a Yard and Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Museum Building on upper Main Street in Bryant Pond. They will also rent spaces for others to sell their items. Donations of slightly used treasures are welcome. FMI please call Jen Chase at 665-2043 or any society member. They will be holding their monthly meeting directly following the yard sale cleanup (approximately 3 p.m.). There will be no program this month.

Judith Grover Tent #17 DUVCW will meet Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Eleven members attended convention in Waterville on Friday, June 24.

Franklin Grange #124

will meet on Monday, July 18 at the Grange Hall. This is Music Night and the public is invited to attend at no charge. Come listen to a night of music. Time is 7 p.m.

Servicest the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 for all ages, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service; also Bloom for Girls 13-18. Sunday July 10 is Fellowship Sunday with dinner following the morning service and an afternoon service instead of the usual evening services. Sunday, July 17, guest speaker is Larry Strout.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It appears that last week's column is still lost in cyberspace. I sent it from camp on my laptop. I guess it never made it. I can't even find it in my memory bank. So here is July's first column. It was a great Fourth of July. The weather was perfect, if a little hot at times. We spent most of it at camp. It is much quieter there, easier to sleep. I have lost most of my paperwork from last week, having probably thrown it away. Getting better at throwing away paper is good.

I made it to Alan Day Garden Saturday night. Ruby Day Branch played. I must admit I have lost the name of the other band. They were excellent. I can only remember the woman's name which was Costanzi. I apologize. My notes are gone.

This coming weekend is the Norway Arts Festival. It begins Friday night, July 8 with a lecture and goes through Saturday evening. Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic.

That makes for a quieter festival if a little difficult for those of us with walking problems. The trick is to find a parking spot near to where we are going. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Monday, July 11, Socrates Cafe will be held at the Waterford library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be visions, Contrast American life 80

years ago with today and contemplate what it will be like 80 years from now. Moderator will be Robert Casimiro. Light refreshments. FMI call 583-6957.

Hope all at a great Fourth of July. Stay cool during this hot weather and remember to drink enough water. If anyone has anything to send to me for publication, please call 743-0583. Thanks.

Waterford Library extends garden with DIY garden kits

The Waterford Library's foray into Community Gardening did spectacularly well last year harvesting 278 pounds of produce from the two beds behind the Library and even more when the squash mounds are included.

The Sweden Food Pantry, where the free veggies were distributed, said that the produce went as fast as it came in. People really appreciate fresh vegetables. With that in mind Geraldine O'Donnell, President of the Library Trustees, pursued the idea of garden kits to go.

The Maine Community Foundation agreed with this idea and funded the project with nearly \$2,000! The grant paid for the actual wooden kits which were purchased from Red Mill Lumber in Casco. Bags of organic soil to fill the forms were also provided through the grant. Veggies and herb plants were donated by Jane Traill, Kimball's Greenhouse and from Geraldine's own garden.

Dan Drew, a local contractor Jane Traill, Bob Spencer and Gerry delivered the kits to those folks picked in a drawing. The drawing was necessary because there was such a huge response to the offering of the garden kits.

The idea of growing your own food has great appeal to folks in our community and extends the whole "One Library doing many things." The Library Trustees are working hard to build this community effort idea.

The garden behind the library is going great guns again this year. There is a critical need for volunteers to help care for it. If you are interested please call 583-2050,

Waterford's second Summer Breakfast

The second in a series of four summer breakfasts will take place from 7:30 to 10 on Wednesday, July 13 at the Wilkins Community House at the foot of Plummer Hill Road, next to the Waterford Congregational Church. In its 63rd year, the breakfast offers a menu of freshly baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, donuts, coffee and orange juice. The price for each breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$4 for child-sized portions, and free for children under 5 years of age. The proceeds from the breakfasts contribute to the maintenance of the Wilkins Community House. The Wilkins House Basement Yard Sale is also held from 7:30 to 11. New items appear at each of the sales. This summer's next two breakfasts will be on Wednesday July 27 and Aug. 10.

Waterford's Thunder Hill Farm provides the Maine Maple Syrup and Melby's Market and Eatery in North Waterford provides the eggs, bacon and sausages.

If you'd like to volunteer or learn more about our summer breakfasts contact Ginny at 583-2729.

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Anyone Interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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2016 Source to Sea begins on July 8

Each year the Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC) hosts the Source to Sea by paddling down the Androscoggin River from Lake Umbagog in New Hampshire to Merry Meeting Bay in Brunswick Maine. We invite everyone to come and join us for a paddling adventure for one or more days on this historic trip down the river. The kick off date is July 8th when we meet at the Umbagog Wildlife Refuge on the Magalloway River north of Errol, NH.

Having once been designated the most polluted river in the nation, the Androscoggin was the impetus for the 1972 Clean Water Act. Throughout the following years and continuing today industries along the river and communities have taken steps to clean up the river. We now have this valuable, revitalized resource winding 170 miles from Eastern New Hampshire through Western Maine and down to the Maine seacoast. Each year hundreds of paddlers join for one or multiple days to paddle the Source to Sea and celebrate the river's rebirth. We believe the best way to understand the river's unique assets are to experience them first hand. Participants learn about local conservation, history, ecology, and recreation through daily on-river programs. This is a prime opportunity to view eagles, osprey, loons and other wildlife along the River Trail.

We invite you to join us on the river this summer for a paddling adventure that is not only a lot of fun, but also an immense benefit to communities and people living within the Androscoggin watershed. The daily schedule and pre-registration are available on our website, www.androscogginwatershed.org. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for logistical and safety reasons. Although there is no fee to participate, a \$10.00-\$20.00 donation is suggested at time of registering. Donations of any amount will also be accepted at the launch site on each event day. All donations support the administrative costs to coordinate the Source to Sea and other ARWC projects. We hope to see you on the river this summer.

Many thanks to our sponsors who make this event possible: Maine Community Foundation; Betterment Fund; ReEnergy; Verso Paper; Brookfield; TransCanada; Patriot Renewables; Eagle Creek Renewable Energy; L.L. Bean; Poland Spring Bottling; Wright-Pierce; Mahoosuc Realty; Norway Savings Bank (Bethel); Otis Federal Credit Union; L.L. Cote; WJ Wheeler Insurance; Pleasant River Campground; Sonoma County Wealth Advisors, Town and Country Inn; and additional support from AVCOG; River Valley Healthy Communities; Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce; Androscoggin Land Trust; Brunswick Topsham Land Trust; Stony Brook Recreation; Mahoosuc Inn; Shaker Hill Outdoors; Outdoor Adventure and Campground; Café di Cocoa.

FMI contact Becky Secrest 207-824-3813 or 207-754-8158
Email: beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscogginwatershed.org
Website: <http://androscogginwatershed.org>
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2016 Annual Source to Sea:

Friday July 8: Evening Paddle Wildlife Refuge to Steamer Diamond: 3 p.m.
Saturday July 9: Mollidgewock to 7 Islands Bridge: Intro to White Water 8:30 a.m.
Sunday July 10: Pontook Family Day/Pontook to Bofinger 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday July 13: Shelburne to Gilead 8:30 a.m.
Thursday July 14: After Hours Paddle Nansen Wayside to Berlin 5 p.m.
Friday July 15: Gilead to Bethel 8:30 a.m.
Saturday July 16: Bethel to Moran's Landing/ Patriot Renewables tour 8:30 a.m.
Sunday July 17: Hanover to Rumford 8:30 a.m.
Thursday July 21: Hike Rumford White Cap: 8:30 a.m.
Friday July 22: Mexico to Dixfield 8:30 a.m.
Saturday July 23: Dixfield to Canton 8:30 a.m.
Sunday July 26: Livermore Falls to Twin Bridges 8:30 a.m.
Thursday July 28: After hours Paddle at Otis Mill in Jay 5:30 p.m.
Friday July 29: Twin Bridges to Center Bridge 8:30 a.m.
Saturday July 30: Center Bridge to Cherry Pond 8:30 a.m.
Sunday July 31: Auburn to Rancourt Preserve 8:30 a.m.
Thursday August 4: Auburn After Hours Paddle 5:30 p.m.
Friday August 5: Durham to Lisbon Falls 8:30 a.m.
Saturday August 6: Topsham to Brunswick: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday August 7: Brunswick/Merrymeeting Bay Water Street in Brunswick 9 a.m.

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Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War hold convention

Eighteen members from four Tents met in Waterville at the Hampton Inn for the 104th annual convention on June 24. The convention opened with a grand-daughters' breakfast. The meeting was called to order by Vicky Myers, Department President. Elected officers and appointed officers remain the same until 2017. Reports were given. A memorial service was held for departed Sisters. It was voted to hold the 105th convention on June 23, 2017 at the same place.



LEROY DAY HONORED BY MASONS-On June 25 members of Jefferson Lodge #100 and Jefferson Chapter #89 OES, along with the Jackson Silver Post met at Brother Leroy Day's home to wish him a happy 100th birthday and to present him his 70 year Masonic Service Star. Several members of his family were also present, and everyone enjoyed cake, sandwiches, and ice cream. Pictured are, (seated) Leroy Day, From left: Wor. Eldon Bartlett, Master, RW Michael Lowe, District Deputy Grand Master, Harry Orcutt, Jackson Silver Post, Joe Campbell, RW James Bennett, RW William Roberts. Submitted photo

Bethel Library adds new books for summer reading

The Bethel Library has added these new books to its collection:

Fiction: "Britt Marie Was Here" by Frederik Backman, "Last Mile" by David Baldacci, "Boar Island" by Nevada Barr, "The 14th Colony" by Steve Berry, "Blood Defense" by Marcia Clark, "Steel Kiss" by Jeffery Deaver, "LaRose" by Louise Erdrich, "A Hero of France" by Alan Furst, "The Excellent Lombards" by Jane Hamilton, "Seams Like Murder" by Betty Hechtman, "Fireman" by Joe Hill, "Death and Judgment" by Donna Leon, "Delivering the Truth: A Quaker Midwife Mystery" by Edith Maxwell, "Prayers the Devil Answers" by Sharyn McCrumb, "Girl At War" by Sara Novic, "Body in the Wardrobe," by Katherine Hall Page, "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick, "Everybody's Fool" by Richard Russo, "The Mirror Thief" by Martin Seay, "Cracked Spine: A Scottish Bookshop Mystery" by Paige Shelton, "Opening Belle" by Maureen Sherry, "The Summer Before the War" by Helen Simonson, "Eligible" by Curtis Sittenfeld, "Last Painting of Sara De Vos" by Dominic Smith, "Apartment" by Danielle Steel, "Dishonorable Intentions" by Stuart Woods, and "Foreign Affairs" by Stuart Woods.

Non-fiction: "The Genius of Birds" by Jennifer Ackerman, "White Sands: Experiences from the Outside World" by Geoff Dyer, "The View from the Cheap Seats: Selected Non-fiction" by Neil Gaiman, "Passion for Leadership: Lessons on Change" by Robert M. Gates, and "Before I Forget: Love, Hope, and Acceptance in Our Fight against Alzheimer's" by B. Smith and Dan Gasby.

Juvenile: "Raymie Nightingale" by Kate DiCamillo, "It Ain't So Awful, Falafel" by Firoozeh Dumas, and "Instructions" by Neil Gaiman.

Agricultural & Conservation Day at Waterford Fair

Friday, July 15 is Agriculture and Conservation Family Day at Waterford Fair. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. visitors to the fairgrounds will be treated to an array of exhibits that are fun and educational for the whole family. New to the fair this year will be "Little Hands for Forestry" where children under the age of 8 can learn how to plant a tree, care for the tree as it grows, "harvest" the tree, load it into the pedal tractor and wagon, and take it to the paper mill where they can unload their lumber and receive play money which may be redeemed at the WoodShop Store for many different items made from trees.

Other areas of the special Forestry exhibit will include making balsam sachets, playing a tree memory game, learning how paper is made, who and what live in trees, what tree "cookies" can tell us about a tree and Oxford County District Forester Merle Ring will help children - and parents and grandparents - learn something about how to identify trees. Many other exhibits will be available for the whole family to enjoy. Norway Police Chief Rob Federico will be on hand to visit with attendees while the children explore a police cruiser and learn about his job. There will be a blacksmith, bees, oxen, Brendi's Petting Barn, Responsible Pet Care, Norway/Paris Fish & Game and so much more! Don't forget to stop by the "Little Hands for Agriculture" exhibit where children 10 and under will learn all about growing and marketing.

Sign up with Miss Marilyn to win prizes, check out our new Cornstoss and Horse-shoes games, try your hand at making really big bubbles or just come and visit with folks.

Agriculture and Conservation Family Day is open to all free of charge. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the fair or buy some of the delicious food, and ice cream, prepared by members of the fair. This event is sponsored by Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District in partnership with Waterford Fair. For more information call 743-5789, ext. 111 or e-mail oxfordcountyswd@gmail.com.

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The Town of Bethel, hereinafter referred to as the "TOWN", is upgrading its Wastewater Treatment Plant, hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT". The PROJECT is currently being designed by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "ENGINEER". The PROJECT will include a system for dewatering activated sludge. The TOWN is now inviting qualified manufacturers, hereinafter referred to as the "EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER", to submit proposals for furnishing the equipment for the sludge dewatering system meeting the requirements set forth herein.

Proposals will be received in the office of the TOWN at 19 Main Street, Bethel, Maine 04217, no later than the July 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Inquiries regarding this solicitation should be directed to, TOWN of Bethel, 19 Main Street, Bethel, ME 04217, (207)-824-2669. All questions must be received on or before Wednesday, July 18, 2016.

Proposals to be considered shall be for a sludge dewatering system that uses either screw presses or rotary presses that is either trailer or skid mounted as specified herein.

All EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS shall complete and return one (1) original and three (3) copies of their proposal. All proposals delivered shall be sealed in a separate envelope within the delivery package. Any proposal found to be illegible or incomplete may be rejected. Whether sent by courier, mail, or by means of personal delivery, EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS assume full responsibility for having their proposal deposited at the proper address and not later than the scheduled closing time. More than one (1) proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation under the same or different names, will not be considered.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond made payable to TOWN OF BETHEL in the amount of FIVE PERCENT (5%) of the EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER'S proposed price and in the form of a certified cashier's check or a Surety Bid Bond (on form provided).

The Bid Bond of the EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER shall be retained by the TOWN OF BETHEL until such time that the EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER enters into a purchase agreement with GENERAL CONTRACTOR selected under separate procurement.

Bid Bonds for unsuccessful proposers shall be released once the Town authorizes the award of this RFP to the EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER. This process generally takes approximately two months from the RFP closing date.

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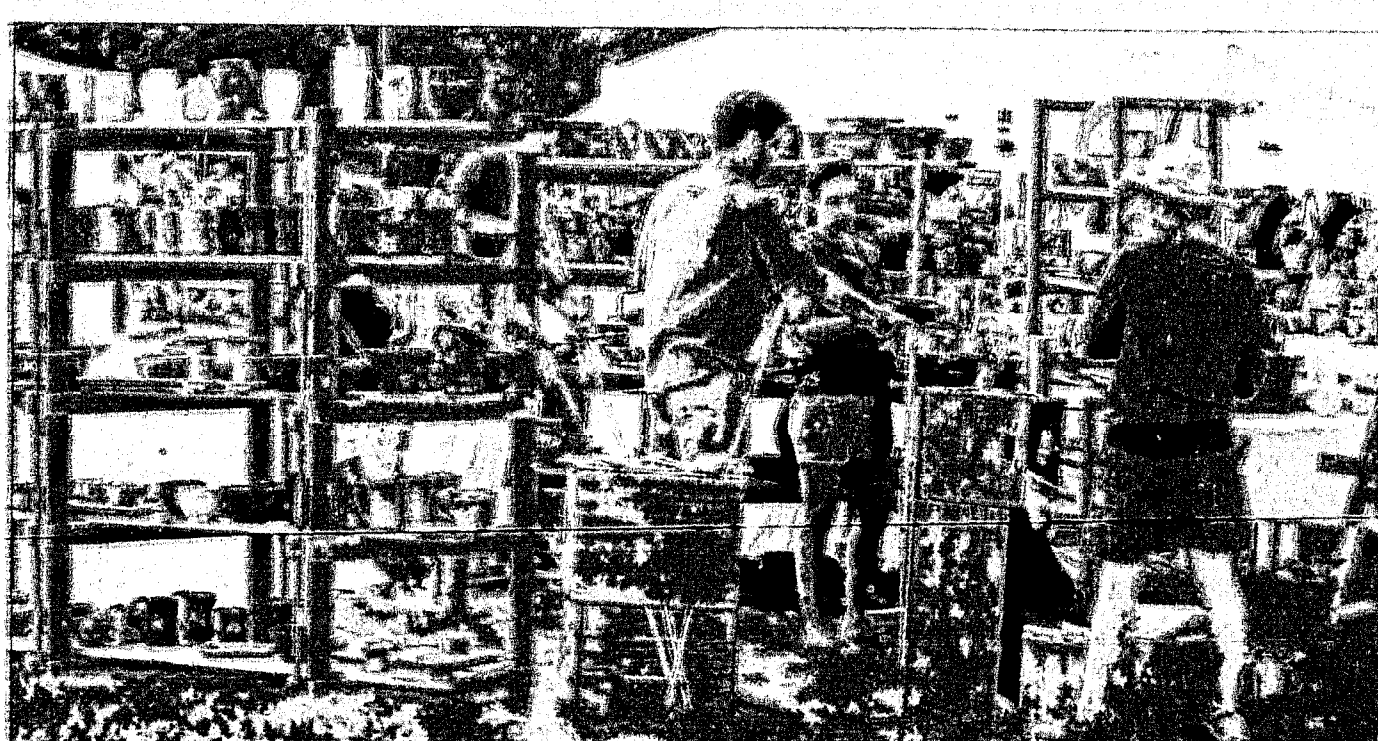
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Bethel Art Fair 2016



The annual Bethel Art Fair drew a large crowd to the Common Saturday. Above left, Robin Gardella of Augusta works on a mermaid creation at her booth. Above right, fair-goers look at items at Andrea Bailey's Cabin Pottery. Below, the booths stood ready just as the fair got underway at 10 a.m. By late morning it was difficult to find a parking space on Main Street. The number of venues grew this year, with displays around the village and beyond. The Mahoosuc Arts Council and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce partnered in organizing the event. Said Jessie Seymour Perkins of BACC, "The vendors and other venues around the village reported a steady crowd throughout the day and people were streaming up and down the sidewalks. We were very pleased with how businesses embraced being a part of a revitalized Art Fair. Some new volunteers got local students involved as well, which also really added to the experience."

A. Aloisio



Above, a painting by Sarhanne and Rose Wright at the Shy, Novice and Closeted Art Show at the home of Janet Willie. Above center, Mary Isham with a painting she did at 14, displayed at the Open Studio at Isham Farm. (For more info see Bethel column, Page 4.)

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Below, A "Parliament of Owls" by Elise Caswell of Bethel, who passed away last week, was the featured exhibit at the Shy, Novice and Closeted Art Show. Elise was a passionate lover of Earth and Mother Nature, as evidenced in her life and poetry. To honor her life and creative force, Willie dedicated this year's show to her.

M. Holloway



Above, Hunter the dog, "son" of M. Dirk MacKnight, relaxes outside the Gould Academy Owen Art Gallery with Debra Olivieri of Redondo Beach, Calif. MacKnight, of Andover, was the 2016 Artist of Honor at the fair. Hunter and Dirk MacKnight's sister Debra greeted visitors to the exhibit of his photos.

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Above, a piece by Kristy St. Pierre at Art @57 Maine.

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Below, a painting by Dean McCrillis displayed at Elements Art Gallery.

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On Monday, July 4, the 24th annual Community Picnic & Concert took place on the lawn of the Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House. Entertainment was provided by the Portland Brass Quintet.

Danna Nickerson

Mahoosuc Land Trust Hastings Landing Grand Opening celebration



Hastings Landing volunteers put finishing touches on steps to the Androscoggin River in Rumford Center in preparation for the Grand Opening on July 17.

The public is invited to join Mahoosuc Land Trust and Androscoggin River Watershed Council to celebrate the dedication of Hastings Landing boat launch in Rumford Center. Hastings Landing provides hand carry boat access to the Androscoggin River and is located on US Route 2 in Rumford Center Village.

The celebration begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 17 and coincides with the Watershed Council's "Source to Sea Trek" paddle from Hanover to Rumford. Paddlers can start in Hanover, stop at Hastings Landing or use Hastings Landing to begin their trek.

Hastings Landing is named in honor of Anne Hastings Morton. Her brother, Sonny Hastings,

known for his prowess in winning many canoe races in our area, was enthusiastic to kick off the fundraising effort for the Landing to honor his sister.

The dedication will honor the many donors and volunteers who helped the Land Trust and Watershed Council make the project possible. In addition, the Maine Water Access Fund, Quimby Family Foundation and L.L. Bean Land Trust Grant Program all provided financial support for the project.

The Androscoggin River Trail is a series of public boat landings that provides public access to the river. Sites are situated a few miles apart giving local residents and visitors the opportunity for short or long paddling trips on

the river. The vision behind the series of landings is to provide local families with paddling opportunities at the end of a workday.

Refreshments following the ribbon cutting.

For planning purposes and to make this the best event possible, please RSVP. Visit www.mahoosuc.org and sign up on the Events page or e-mail MLT@mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, NH, supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses.

Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War hold convention

Eighteen members from four Tents met in Waterville at the Hampton Inn for the 104th annual convention on June 24.

The convention opened with a granddaughters' breakfast. The meeting was called to order by Vicky Myers, Department President. Elected officers and appointed officers remain the same until 2017. Reports were given. A memorial service was held for departed Sisters.

It was voted to hold the 105th convention on June 23, 2017 at the same place.

Age-Friendly Community Initiative news

The Age-Friendly Community Initiative has a new task force made up of a few community members and chaired by Nancy Davis. Addressing a need identified by local citizens over the past few months, the team will create a directory of activities and providers within our com-

munity, as well as the accessible services of Seniors Plus, Western Maine Transportation, and the like. The information will be available in both an online and a paper version.

Information will be organized around the domains identified by AARP and the World Health Organi-

zation and modified by our local Age-Friendly Community Initiative: Transportation, Public Spaces, Housing, Social Inclusion, Civic and Employment Opportunities, Outreach, Health Services and Support, and Food Security. Have any ideas? Want to help with this initiative?

So, I had an armful of surplus, gorgeous greens fresh from the garden - what to do? Turns out that NABOS shop in town will take donations of fresh produce from local gardeners, for anyone to take (free). Amanda also leads the Edible Bethel team, which is responsible for

more than 20 planters and gardens downtown, with a great variety of fresh vegetables and herbs. Their mission is to show by example how to grow edibles in small spaces, and they invite members of the public to pick the produce. Visit EdibleBethel.com for a complete list of what

is growing where. Pick what you'd like, eat what you pick, and most importantly, enjoy! It's free, but they invite donations to the Bethel Food Pantry. FMI on any of the above: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Bethel Water District

Bethel, Maine PWSID ME0090160

We're pleased to present to you our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report. This report, a requirement of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

WATER SOURCE

Our water source comes from five drilled groundwater wells located in Bethel ranging from 36-40 feet in depth. The wells are treated with chlorine to protect from possible bacterial contaminants and fluoride to promote dental health. Our system serves a population of 1,405 customers through 656 service connections.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP) has evaluated all public water supplies as part of the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP). The assessments included geology, hydrology, land uses, water testing information, and the extent of land ownership or protection by local ordinance to see how likely our drinking water source is to be contaminated by human activities in the future. Assessment results are available at public water suppliers, town offices, and the DWP. For more information about the SWAP, please contact the DWP at telephone 207-287-2070.

Waiver Information

In 2013, due to efforts to protect the water supply, our system was granted a "Synthetic Organics Waiver. This is a three-year exemption from the monitoring/reporting requirements for the following industrial chemical(s): herbicides, carbamate pesticides, toxaphene/chlordane/PCB and semivolatile organics. This waiver was granted due to the absence of these potential sources of contamination within a half mile radius of the water source. The state of Maine Drinking Water Program grants a waiver only upon a finding that "it will not result in an unreasonable risk to health."

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Lucien Roberge, Superintendent, or Donald Katlin, Assistant Superintendent, at telephone number 207-824-2342, fax number 207-824-2342 or mailing address P.O. Box 104, Bethel, ME 04217. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Town Office Meeting Room on Main Street.

WATER QUALITY

Bethel Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows any detection resulting from our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2015.

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, ponds and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected through our water quality monitoring and testing. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Bethel Water District had no violations in 2015

TEST RESULTS						
Unless otherwise noted, testing was done in 2015.						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0	Highest monthly # of positive samples	0 positive	1 positive	Naturally present in the environment.
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium (8/5/14)	N	0.0049	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes. Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper* (1/1/13-12/31/13)	N	0.11	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride (4/23/15)	N	0.75	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits. Water additive that promotes strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum.
Lead* (1/1/13-12/31/13)	N	5	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

* = Reported results are the 90th percentile value (the value that 90% of all samples are less than).

Note: The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Not all contaminants are tested for every year due to monitoring waivers and therefore we must use the most recent round of sampling. Some of our data is more than one year old, however, is limited to no older than 5 years.

Copies of this report may also be picked up at the Bethel Water District or the Bethel Town Office.

Definitions:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Not Applicable (N/A) - Does not apply

Running Annual Average (RAA) - The average of all monthly or quarterly samples for the last year at all sample locations.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water (e.g. treatment technique for turbidity).

Variances, Exemptions, and Waivers - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL, a treatment technique or test for a given contaminant under certain conditions.

Units:

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Notes:

Barium: Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Reported as the highest monthly number of positive samples, for water systems that take less than 40 samples per month.

Fluoride: For those systems that fluoridate, fluoride levels must be maintained between 0.5 to 1.2 ppm. The optimum level is 0.7 ppm.

Lead/Copper: Action levels (AL) are measured at consumer's tap. 90% of the tests must be equal to or below the action level; therefore, the listed results above have been calculated and are listed as the 90th percentile.

Nitrate/Nitrite in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Gross Alpha: Action level over 5 pCi/L requires testing for Radium -226 and -228. Action level over 15 pCi/L requires testing for Uranium. Compliance is based on Gross Alpha results minus Uranium results = Net Gross Alpha.

Radon: The State of Maine adopted a Maximum Exposure Guideline (MEG) for Radon in drinking water at 4000 pCi/L, effective 1/1/07. If Radon exceeds the MEG in water, treatment is recommended. It is also advisable to test indoor air for Radon. The U.S.EPA is proposing setting federal standards for Radon in public drinking water.

THM/HAA5: Total Trihalomethanes (THM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) are formed as a by-product of drinking water chlorination. This chemical reaction occurs when chlorine combines with naturally occurring organic matter in water. Compliance is based on running annual average.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Since our system chlorinates its water, we are required to report our annual average for chlorine residual. Chlorine Residual was found to be 0.26 ppm, with a range of 0.20 ppm to 0.52 ppm.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For most people, the health benefits of drinking plenty of water outweigh any possible health risk from these contaminants. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for thirty (30) seconds to two (2) minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We, at Bethel Water District, work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and preserve our drinking water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for working together for safe drinking water.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 8 and 9

Upton House Charity Yard Sale; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The treasures are varied. There will be other vendors again. Come enjoy the day and the Upton Ladies serves "Breakfast on the Porch" on Saturday, July 9.

Saturday, July 9

Community Lakes Association Annual Meeting; in the Old Greenwood Town Hall on Route 26. Enjoy snacks and coffee at 8:30. At 9 the meeting begins. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will be friendly, concise and informative.

Yard & Bake Sale at Woodstock Historical Society; from 8-2 at the Museum building on Main Street in Bryant Pond. Outdoor spaces will also be available for rent. Donations of slightly used treasures are welcome. FMI call Jen Chase at 665-2043 or contact any society member.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club's meeting/workshop; 1 p.m. at the Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, So. Paris. Weather permitting there will be an open hive, so bring your veils. Public welcome. FMI contact Chris at cpeaston@megalink.net, or visit us at www.maine-honeybees.com.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Annual Ice Cream Social Dance; Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club at Oxford Hills Middle School, 7-10 p.m. Ray Hilton, club caller will treat with his yodeling during a singing call or two. Carol Stewart Arsenault will cue the rounds. Refreshments served at 8:30 p.m. on. Door prizes. 50/50 drawing. Admission 47 per person. Nondancers welcome at no charge.

July 9 and 10

Western Maine Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show; Gems, minerals, crystals, books, magazines, fossils, jewelry, door prizes, museum-quality displays, gem raffle 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Telstar High School.

Sunday, July 10

Music Without Borders; Guest Artists Pianist Robert Poortinga from the Netherlands and Violinist Meri Khojayan from Armenia present all Beethoven's Violin Sonatas on three consecutive Sunday afternoons. First four out of ten sonatas. 3 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Monday, July 11

Socrates Cafe; at the Waterford Library from 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. Discussion topic: 80/80 Visions: Contrast American life eighty years ago with today and contemplate what it may be eighty years from now. Moderator: Robert Casimiro. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Tuesday, July 12

Evergreens walk at Step Falls; Mahoosuc Land Trust invites folks of all ages to experience the giant evergreens along the relatively easy Step Falls Trail in Newry. Join recently retired National Park Naturalist Paul Motts on this cool one mile forest walk to experience the giant trees. Please meet at the Step Falls Parking Lot Trailhead off Rt. 26 in Newry, at 7 p.m. The talk and walk will last until 8:30 p.m. Sturdy footwear, bug repellent and water are suggested.

Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond weekly summer reading program; for children ages 2-12. July 12-Aug. 9. Come and join in for stories, crafts, snacks and fun. Wendy Coffin is the contact at 890-9635.

Supper Dance; at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. 5 - 9:30 p.m. Music by Shadagee Ramblers. Menu: baked beans, hamburger or hot dogs (with or without rolls) coleslaw, mac salad, potato salad and dessert. Adults \$7, Child \$5. Supper and Dance \$12. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Wednesday, July 13

Waterford Summer Breakfast; 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Wilkins Community House at the foot of Plummer Hill Road, next to the Waterford Congregational Church. In its 63rd year, the breakfast offers a menu of freshly baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, donuts, coffee and orange juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for child-sized portions, and free for children under 5. Proceeds contribute to the maintenance of the Wilkins Community House. The Wilkins House Basement Yard Sale is also held from 7:30 to 11. New items appear at each of the sales.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and dinner; at Crostone Restaurant Route 26 in Woodstock. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is a choice of fish or chicken. Reservations must be made before July 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your choice. Price is \$10.

Mahoosuc Land Trust outdoor work evening; from 6-8 p.m. at the Valentine Farm on the North Road in Bethel. This work will help get the Farm ready to serve as a community conservation cen-

ter. There will be a variety of chores from raking, brush pick-up, gentle pruning and landscaping. Participants are asked to wear sturdy footwear and bring the tools they might use for the tasks that interest them. If you would like to participate please register at mahoosuc.org/events or call 207-824-3806.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Thursday, July 14

Heather Masse and Jed Wilson performance; at Brick Church in Lovell. 7:30 p.m. Jazz, folk and blues. Tickets \$20, available at door. Refreshments served at intermission. FMI and reservations: 207-925-1500.

Friday, July 15

Book Sale; Noon to 5 p.m. at the Bethel Library. Hardcover, paperbacks, movies, and audio books. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the library.

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 6-9 p.m. at Greenwood Town Hall, Rte. 26 in the village of Locke's Mills. Slow jam 6-7 p.m. All string instruments welcome to play traditional, contra dance, Scottish, Irish and Quebecois tunes. Come to play, listen to, or learn new tunes. every Friday night thru August. Free. See Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook for additional info.

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

July 15 and 16

New England Forest Rally; Sunday River and surrounding area. Regional and national rally racing pros on the back roads of western Maine and northern New Hampshire. www.sundayriver.com

Saturday, July 16

MollyOckett Day, Bethel; Road race, parade, fireworks, live music, kids' entertainment, and vendors on common with crafts, food, community groups. www.bethelmaine.com

Mollyockett Day Classic Road Race; 8:15 a.m. the 1-mile Kids' Race begins, followed by the 5-mile and 1-mile race for those who are 15 and above at 9 a.m. There will be a Diaper Dash, too, so all in the family can participate. For more information go to <http://www.mollyockettdays.com/races.html>

Yard Sale & Cookie Walk; in the dining room at Bethel United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is opened to the public. All are welcomed. Sanctuary will be open for meditation and prayer.

Book Sale; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bethel Library. Hardcover, paperbacks, movies and audio books. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the library.

Benefit Dance and Chinese Auction for Kelly Waterhouse; Rumford Fall Eagles Reception Hall. 5-7 p.m. supper; 5-8 Chinese Auction; 8-11 dance (entertainment by Fat-N-Jacked & special guests). Waterhouse, 41, a mother of three, has colon cancer. FMI: meforeman76@gmail.com or 357-1272; melissahfallon87@yahoo.com or 418-0447.

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Sunday, July 17

Hastings Landing boat launch dedication; public is invited to join Mahoosuc Land Trust and Androscoggin River Watershed Council to celebrate the dedication of Hastings Landing boat launch in Rumford Center. The landing provides hand carry boat access to the Androscoggin River and is located on US Route 2 in Rumford Center Village. Celebration begins at 11 a.m. and coincides with the ARWC's "Source to Sea Trek" paddle from Hanover to Rumford.

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Tuesday, July 19

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Wednesday, July 20

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Thursday, July 21

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Friday, July 22

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Saturday, July 23

Tough Mountain Challenge; at Sunday River Resort, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. www.toughmountain.com/index.html

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Sunday, July 24

Music Without Borders; Guest Artists Pianist Robert Poortinga from the Netherlands and Violinist Meri Khojayan from Armenia present all Beethoven's Violin Sonatas on three consecutive Sunday afternoons. 8th 9th 10th sonatas. 3 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Tuesday, July 26

Music without Borders recital; 7:30 p.m. at Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Open to the public at no charge.

Wednesday, July 27

Community Supper; 4:30-6 p.m. (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road. Call 207-824-2289 FMI.

Waterford Summer Breakfast; 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Wilkins Community House at the foot of Plummer Hill Road, next to the Waterford Congregational Church. In its 63rd year, the breakfast offers a menu of freshly baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, donuts, coffee and orange juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for child-sized portions, and free for children under 5. Proceeds contribute to the maintenance of the Wilkins Community House. The Wilkins House Basement Yard Sale is also held from 7:30 to 11. New items appear at each of the sales.

Aug. 1-5

Vacation Bible Adventure; Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar parking lot). 6-8:30 p.m. All kids ages 4 through Fifth Grade are welcome.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Annual Andover Olde Home Days; 9 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. Parade, antique car displays, exhibits, art & flower shows, crafts, firemen's muster, horse show, food & music.

Andover Olde Home Days Road Races; 4.5-mile Open Run Road Race (men and women, with age divisions); 1-Mile Fun Race (boys and girls under 15); 1-Mile Open Walk (all ages). Pre-registration thru July 25; registration after July 25 (cost for 4.5-mile increases from \$15 to \$20 after July 25; other races are \$5 throughout period). FMI call/text 207-357-3828 or e-mail brianne.bailey@maine.edu. Make donation fee checks to "Andover Service Circle" Mail to 187 East Andover Rd. E. Andover, ME 04226.

Sunday, Aug. 7

Maine State Triathlon; 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. Sprint Triathlon - 750 meter swim, 24 K bike, 5.8 K run. Website: mainestatetriathlon.com

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Waterford Summer Breakfast; 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Wilkins Community House at the foot of Plummer Hill Road, next to the Waterford Congregational Church. In its 63rd year, the breakfast offers a menu of freshly baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, donuts, coffee and orange juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for child-sized portions, and free for children under 5. Proceeds contribute to the maintenance of the Wilkins Community House. Wilkins House Basement Yard Sale is also held from 7:30 to 11. New items appear at each of the sales.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Waterford Library's Summer Gala; 6-9:30 p.m. Silent Auction, Hors D'oeuvres, Wine, Music. Auction Bidding 6:30-8:30. \$3 per person; \$5 a couple. Black Tie optional.

Thursday, Aug. 18

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Saturday, Sept. 17

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - GEOGRAPHY

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is the front part of a geography book called?

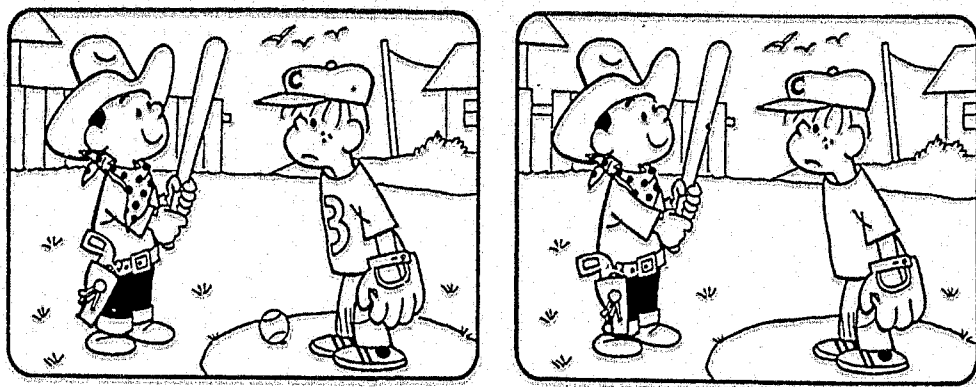
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Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Ball is missing. 2. Gun in holster is moved. 3. Bandana is hidden.
4. Ball is missing. 5. Number is missing. 6. Glove is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals T

WC ALUS RD SLRXL JYUBNXQYA

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"WFY AQFYXL."

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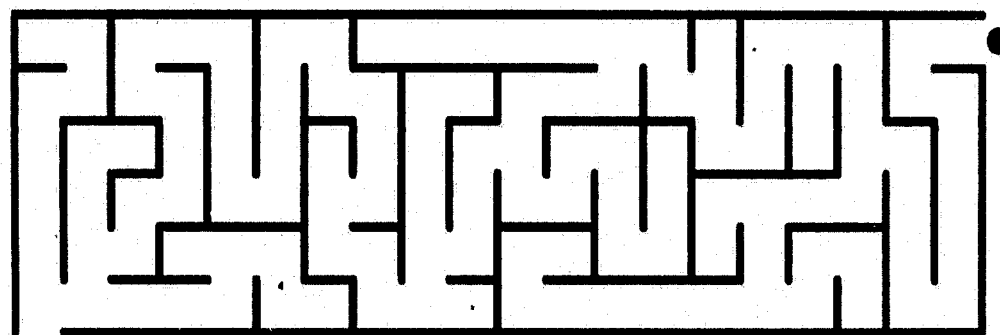
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD

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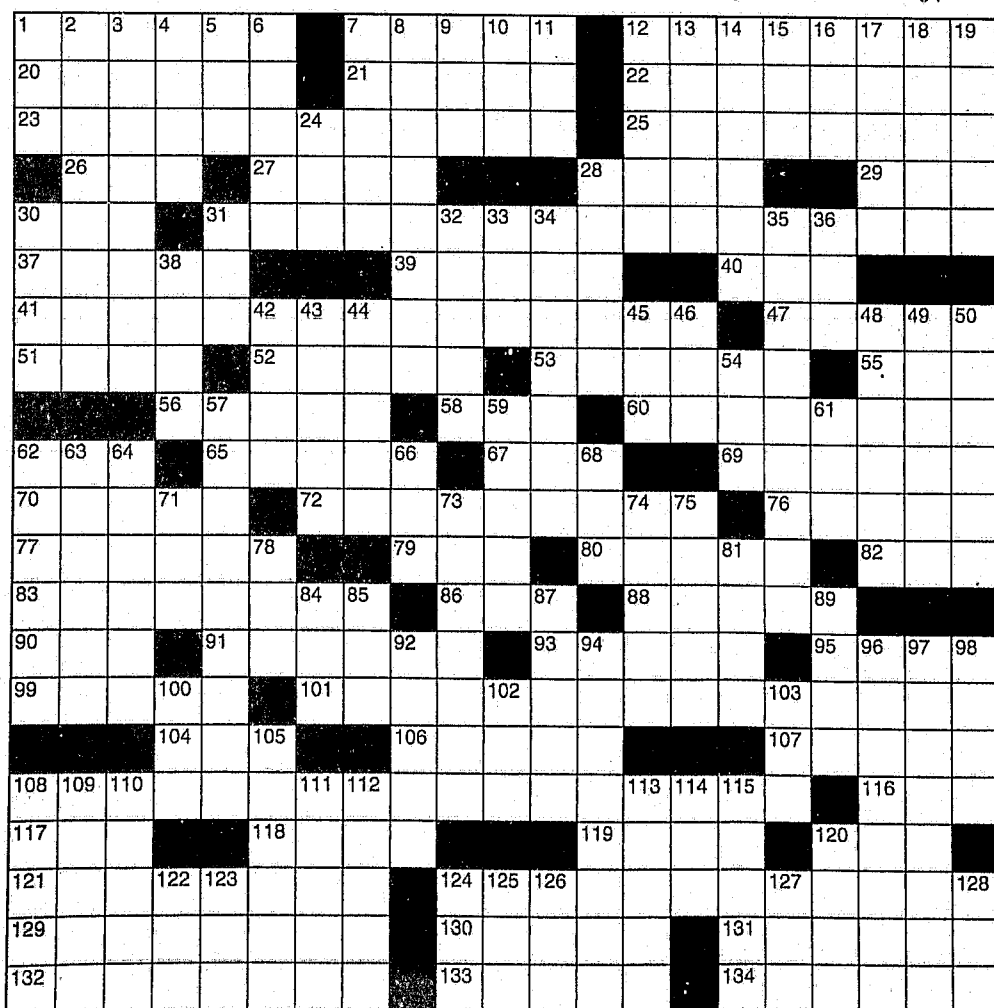


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Super Crossword

"WHAT AM I...?"

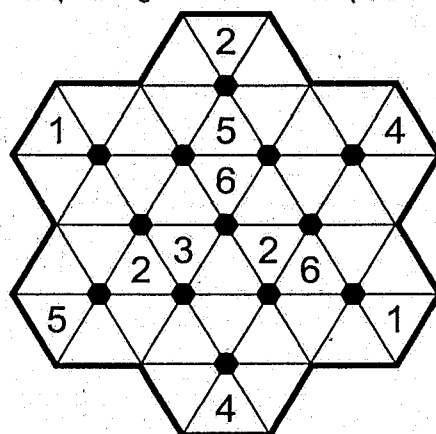
- ACROSS
- 1 Indy 500
 - 7 Students' workplace with mice
 - 12 Intensifies
 - 20 Oman locale
 - 21 Author Jong
 - 22 Most importantly
 - 23 * It flows through Metz
 - 25 When to start a match
 - 26 Upper limit, informally
 - 27 English lads
 - 28 — noire
 - 29 T-Pain music
 - 30 BMOOC part
 - 31 * Least populous state capital
 - 37 Right one's wrongs
 - 39 "Brother, can you spare —?"
 - 40 Grade of mediocrity
 - 41 * Nonviolent protests, e.g.
 - 47 Pier
 - 51 See 124-Down
 - 52 Revere
 - 53 Less chubby
 - 55 Opposite of "agin"
 - 56 Any acetate, chemically
 - 58 Caesar's 56
 - 60 * Manta, e.g.
 - 62 iDevice
 - 65 Section of a long poem
 - 67 Gardner of "Mayerling"
 - 69 Reposeful
 - 70 Life partner?
 - 72 * London street known for tailoring
 - 76 Island east of Java
 - 77 Home of the Senators
 - 79 Friend, in Nice
 - 80 Blot out
 - 82 Jr. officer
 - 83 * "The Big Country" co-star
 - 86 Sharable PC file
 - 88 Lendl and Reitman
 - 90 "Xanadu" group, briefly
 - 91 Operate incorrectly
 - 93 As red as —
 - 95 "SOS" pop quartet
 - 99 City of old witch trials
 - 101 * Scholarly evaluations
 - 104 Desire
 - 106 Exposed the secret of
 - 107 Wastes time
 - 108 * Noted New Yorker feature
 - 116 Suffix with bass or solo
 - 117 Poem that uplifts
 - 118 April 1 trick
 - 119 Coffin cloth
 - 120 With 11-Down, hotel suite amenity
 - 121 Keep off a varsity team for a year
 - 124 What can be found in the answers to this puzzle's eight starred clues?
 - 129 Blood body
 - 130 Abundant
 - 131 Some ducks forever
 - 132 "Everyday People" lead singer
 - 133 Lugged
 - 134 "You — worry"
 - 6 Last name in winemaking
 - 7 Also-ran
 - 8 Feature of invigorating weather
 - 9 Actress Tyler or Ullmann
 - 10 Maven
 - 11 See 120-Across
 - 12 Avid
 - 13 Cable channel for hoops fans
 - 14 Household arts, briefly
 - 15 Rd. relative
 - 16 Fish tank accessory
 - 17 Egyptian Museum site
 - 18 Ziggy of jazz trumpet
 - 19 Rested up
 - 24 Almost
 - 28 Geoffrey of fashion
 - 30 PC rivals
 - 31 Crooner
 - 33 Tormé
 - 32 Detroit dud
 - 33 Kindled
 - 34 Survivor's elated cry
 - 35 In a new draft
 - 36 "Doesn't thrill me"
 - 38 — -to-fiver
 - 42 Pro — (in proportion)
 - 43 Shangri-las
 - 44 To a degree, informally
 - 45 Louse
 - 46 K.C.-to-Detroit dir.
 - 48 Common chalet shape
 - 49 Basis
 - 50 Hash house appliances
 - 54 Zsa Zsa's sis
 - 57 "Friends" co-star David
 - 59 Credible
 - 61 Luau offering
 - 62 Pueblo houses
 - 63 "Downtown" singer Clark
 - 64 Cop's beat
 - 66 Eggs, to Livy
 - 68 Be different?
 - 71 1980s chess master
 - 73 Driving force
 - 74 Bay window
 - 75 Seesaw
 - 78 Prefix meaning "bird"
 - 81 Fill totally
 - 84 PC bailout key
 - 85 California's Big —
 - 87 Blow to the mug, to Brits
 - 89 Remarked
 - 92 Sittling Bull's tribe
 - 94 Habitual troublemaker
 - 96 Deemed true
 - 97 Low-budget cowboy flick
 - 98 Secy., say
 - 100 Slight seer
 - 102 Hairy cousin of Morticia
 - 103 Coq au —
 - 105 Ex — (out of nothing)
 - 108 Combat unit
 - 109 Newbery-winning author Scott
 - 110 Date of the Allies' victory in WWII
 - 111 "El Cid" co-star Sophia
 - 112 Chair — a VCR, e.g.
 - 114 Land in eau
 - 115 Long-past
 - 120 Expansive
 - 122 Rd. relatives
 - 123 — up (riled)
 - 124 With 51-Across, med. diagnostic
 - 125 Med. insurer key
 - 126 Choose
 - 127 Falsification
 - 128 String past Q



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

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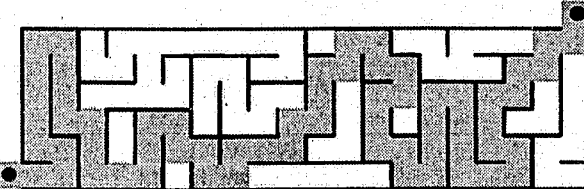
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	4	3				6
		2	6		1	
6				1	9	
	3	4				8
		5	3			1
9				4	5	
	1	7				4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Askey; 4. Stable

1. Resign; 2. Fringe

TV show in which producers must attempt to discover the most talented sailor.

Answer: "Far Search."

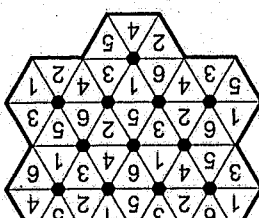
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Good start to "Fiddle Jam" series



Paul Cormier, Monica Mann and Jody Kasregis at the Greenwood Town Hall.

Submitted photo

The first fiddle jam at the Greenwood Town Hall got off to a great start. Enthusiastic players brought their violins for the early, slow jam. Coincidentally, each one had previously attended the Maine Fiddle Camp where they learned several traditional tunes.

The pace picked up with Jody Kasregis of Roxbury and Paul Cormier of Randolph, N.H., joining organizer Monica Mann, of Woodstock in a blast of tunes from Ireland, Scotland and Cape Breton. Paul also played the English concertina for the large gathering at the hall. The session isn't exclusively for fiddlers.

"We were quite happily surprised by the number of folks who came to listen. I hope many of them return with instruments in hand," Monica said.

The evening was dedicated to the late Ellsworth Hathaway and his wife, Joyce.

Willy taught Monica her first tunes in the traditional way, by ear.

Jody and Monica met at the former Skye Theatre in Carthage and played together in the pre show jam sessions. When the Skye Theatre closed, the musicians dispersed, creating a big void. Recently, SAD 44 Adult Ed offered a beginning fiddling class with instructor, Paul Cormier, who also makes, repairs, and restores violins. All classes were filled and those fledgling fiddlers are still meeting to play.

There is an incredible community of musicians dedicated to keeping the tradition, the tunes and the contra dance alive for future generations.

The Greenwood Town Hall jam sessions provide a place and opportunity for regular folks to gather together and share in the joy of this great musical heritage of New England.

SAD 44 participating in Summer Food Service Program

Meals are available free Monday-Thursday to anyone 18 and younger at Crescent Park Elementary School.

Summer vacation exposes many students to increased risk of hunger and developmental decline. This is a problem nationwide. As U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack noted recently, "When school is out during the summer months, many families struggle to feed their children even one nutritious meal a day".

MSAD #44's Summer Food Service Program helps students stay healthy and return to school ready to learn. The Summer Food Service Program is federally funded and administered by the Maine Department of Education.

Children who are part of households that receive Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

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Preserving the harvest will be the focus of a University of Maine Cooperative Extension workshop 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the UMaine Extension office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris.

Taught by UMaine Extension food preservation community education assistant Kate McCarty, the hands-on workshop uses recommended preservation methods for canning and freezing garden vegetables, including using water bath canners to pickle vegetables.

The \$20 fee includes fresh

produce and canning jars. Participants should bring a pot holder. Registration is online (extension.uma.edu/register/product/pt-pickling-oxford-july-21-2016).

For more information or to request a disability accommodation, call 207.743.6329 or 800.287.1482 (in Maine). University of Maine Cooperative Extension:

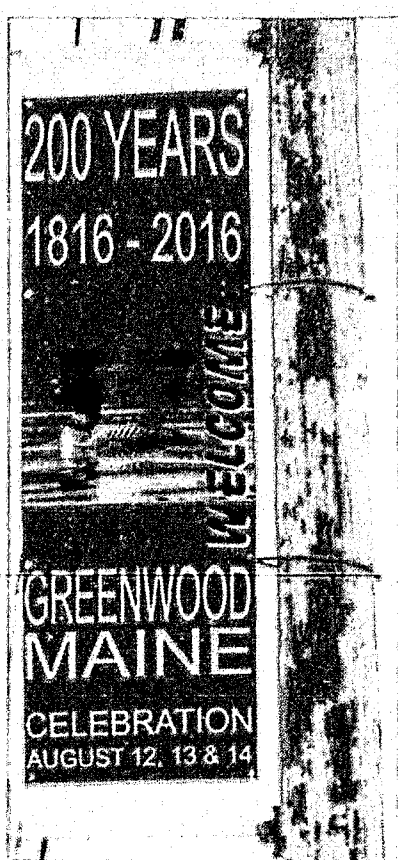
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Gary "Butch" Fuller and Lenny Hoy recently finished several weeks of work at the Greenwood Town Hall that included scraping and painting the exterior and building a new, safer set of front steps that lead foot traffic to the side, rather than directly onto Main Street. "The Butch and Lenny Show" also provided plenty of entertainment to those who stopped to check on their progress.

A. Wight Chapman



In preparation for the celebration of Greenwood's Bicentennial, Aug. 12-14, the Greenwood Fire Department recently installed decorative banners on utility poles around town. The banners have scenes from Greenwood's past and present, like this one featuring a loon on one of the local ponds, and an invitation to join the celebration in August.

Oxford County Democrats news

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 13 at the Crescent Park School in Bethel from 5 to 7. The agenda will include updates on campaigns, fundraising, and events. The meeting is open to Democrats and those interested in electing Democrats.

Upcoming major events include a BBQ on Sunday, July 31 at the Local 900 hall in Rumford in honor of the legislative service of Rep. Matt Peterson and Rep. Paul Gilbert, and the annual BBQ fundraiser for the Oxford County Democrats on Sun-

day, Aug. 28 at 4:30 at the University of Maine 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond.

Democratic offices are open at 1125 Route 2 in Rumford, at the stoplight in Norway/Paris, and on Upper Church Street in Bethel.

To volunteer for campaign activities contact info@oxforddems.org, or call Oxford County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

For further information visit https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems/.

Recycle Right guidelines

There is a lot of news lately about the depressed recycled commodities markets. When these markets are depressed it is critical to maintain a clean recycling stream in order to be able to market collected materials for reprocessing. The higher quality the collected material, the better the chance of moving that material in the marketplace.

With that in mind, what kind of recycler are you? The most common recycling collection systems are termed "source separated" and "single stream or zero sort." This article will guide you to "Recycle Right" regardless of which system you use. Rest assured your recyclables are still being processed and reused. They are not landfilled or incinerated.

If you live in a community that requires source separation, the acceptable materials will be somewhat different than those acceptable through single-stream. Most source separated recycling facilities accept the following materials for recycling.

Glass bottles and jars (lids removed)
#2 plastic bottles
Aluminum cans
Steel cans
Newspapers
Corrugated Cardboard
Packaging boxes (cereal, pizza, pasta, tissue)
Junk mail
Magazines
Office paper

Depending on your specific recycling fa-

cility and their marketing opportunities, you may be able to recycle more items than are on this list. All facilities may not accept the same materials. Check with your town office or recycling facility for a specific list of acceptable items for recycling.

Some communities have switched to single stream/zero sort recycling. In most cases this allows for more materials to be diverted from the waste stream and means home-owners do not need to separate recyclables in to various categories. Additional plastics, such as yogurt containers and dairy tubs, previously unacceptable in a source separated recycling stream are now accepted in zero sort programs. There is also no need to sort recyclable paper products into a variety of categories since that operation takes place at the materials recycling facility (MRF).

Even though you can combine all your recyclables for delivery to the transfer station, it is still important to maintain quality materials. This means no pizza in the pizza box. Food and beverage bottles and jars should be empty. Check the list of what is NOT accepted and if you have a question, ask the attendant at the station. The Rt. 2 Transfer station serving the towns of Bethel, Newry and Hanover, the Rt. 26 transfer station serving Greenwood and Woodstock and the Livermore transfer station have transitioned to zero sort recycling. See what is recyclable at both of these Solid Waste/Recycling facilities on this flyer.

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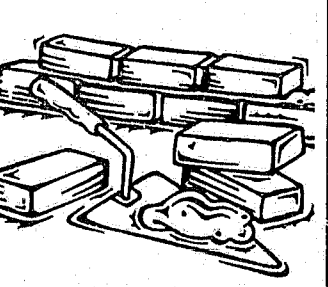


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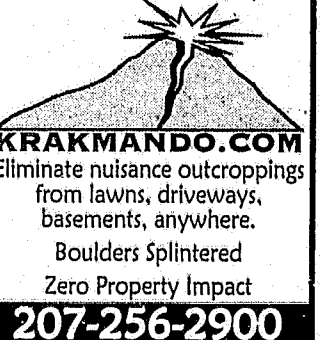
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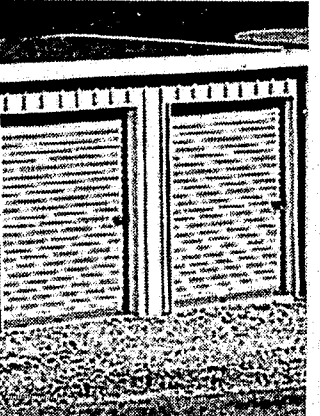


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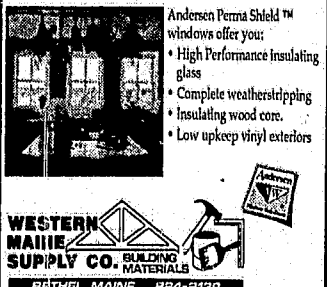
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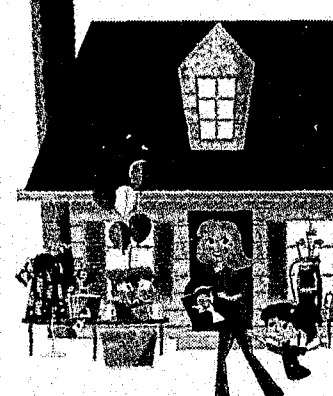
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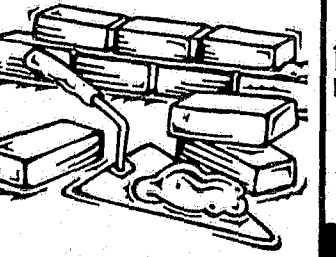
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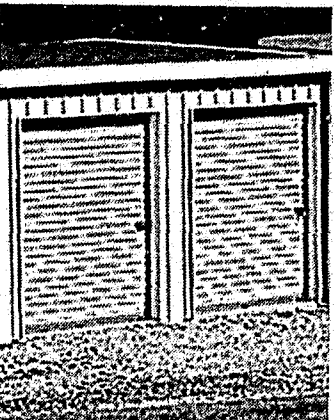


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Obituaries



ARLENE BEAN

Arlene Bean, 90, wife of "Sonny" Bean, died at her Barker Road home on the morning of June 29, 2016.

Arlene was born in North Waterford on Aug. 24, 1925 the daughter of Henry Sanderson and Josephine Lord, and attended local schools, graduating from Bridgton Academy the Class of 1943.

Arlene had been a homemaker most of her life and had driven school buses for many years. She was a member of the West Bethel Union Church, former president of the American Legion Mundt-Allen Post 81, and a member of the Pleasant Valley Grange 136.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, "Sonny" Bean of West Bethel; two daughters Darlene Baker and her partner Harold Rolfe of Waterford and Kathy-Jo Farren and her husband Richard Farren of West Bethel; son-in-law Reginald Brown of Bethel; three step children Kevin Bean, Lorna Mahar and Marlene Bean; eight grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 12 step grandchildren; 19 step great-grandchildren and one half-sister Barbara Kneeland. She was predeceased by her Mother Josephine Stanton; her father Henry Sanderson; first husband Dwight Morrill; one daughter Mary Brown in 2014; one brother Albert Weymouth; son-in-law Peter G. Baker and one half-sister Faye Jordan.

Graveside services were held at the Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel on Sunday July 3, 2016 with Pastor Sandra Withey officiating.

The family suggests those who wish may make memorial donations in Arlene's memory to Responsible Pet Care, 9 Lower Swallow Road, Paris, Maine 04281.



HERBERT W. BARKER

Herbert Wendell Barker, the eldest son of Wendall Eben and Eva (Kimball) Barker born on August 8, 1932, in Albany, Maine, died unexpectedly at his home on June 27, 2016.

He attended schools in Albany and Norway until the 9th grade. His love of learning made him a self-taught man all his life. He was an avid reader and had an extensive collection of his favorite books.

His work history started at a young age when he went to work with his Uncle, Aubrey Graves, in the woods, and then on to Lucas Tree, and then to C.B. Cummings where he sawed logs at Norway Lake. He worked many years there until a back injury made that work no longer possible. Then he went back to school for Appliance Repair & Refrigeration traveling to Boston, Mass. during the week and home to his family on weekends. After Certification and Licensing, he went to work for Ashton's Store, where he serviced local customers for a number of years, until he became self-employed. He started his business, Herb's Appliance Repair, and continued self-employment until he retired.

He was a member of the Army National Guard and served from 1949 until 1958.

In his later years, he became a baptized member of The Jehovah's Witness faith and attended the Kingdom Hall at 603 Harrison Road in Norway, where he enjoyed fellowship and worship with friends. Phil Gosselin, a good friend in the faith, visited him in his home on a regular basis.

On Sept. 2, 1954, he married Mildred C. Rugg and they were together until she died in March of 1982. They resided on Pleasant

St in Norway, Maine, in a home he built, (after fire destroyed the original home), until they bought the farm at Durrell Hill Road, in South Paris to accommodate a growing family. They raised animals and grew their own food to feed their seven children. He farmed his land, took care of his family, and worked a full-time job.

On June 1, 1984, he married Luba E. (Jillson) Tice, and she brought three children into the family. In their early years of retirement, they lived 6 months of the year in a home on the East Coast of Florida, and six months at the farm in South Paris. They enjoyed touring the States, Canada, and Nova Scotia on their Goldwing Honda motorcycle with friends and family. Many trips to visit friends and family over the years took them to Hawaii and Alaska to visit his son and daughter-in-law. One of his greatest achievements was being able to clear the land for them and help to build their new home in Alaska after his son retired from the Air Force. He loved Alaska!

As they were aging, they sold the home on the West Coast and moved to the East Coast of Florida to be nearer family and the help that they needed, because Luba had Parkinson's Disease. They spent their last year in Florida in 2011 and came back to Maine permanently that spring. Luba died March 26, 2013.

Wendle Clements, a friend of the family, came to stay with them both as a companion, and caregiver to Luba so that she could remain at home where she wanted to be. She stayed on to help him until she moved on to a new job. The family is forever grateful for her friendship and all she did for them.

In October, 2015, Gordie Howell from Massachusetts became a good friend and caregiver, enabling him to spend his last months at home on the farm. He was a vigilant caregiver, and took wonderful care of him. The family is blessed by his friendship and forever in his debt.

He is survived by one brother, Gordon E. Barker of Norway; nine Sister-in-laws: Elizabeth (Starbird) Barker of New York; Gloria (Stone) Barker of South Paris, Deanna (Rugg) and Linwood Andrews of Auburn, Maine,

Alberta (Rugg) Ridlon of Sweden, Maine, Pamela (Watts) Rugg of Oak Hill, FL, Sonya (Jillson) Ferguson and partner, Don Millett of California, Janice (Jillson) Lewis, Jeanette Netzel, Joan Knightly, and Gloria Chicoine; four brother-in-laws, Paul Fox of Monmouth, Maine; Kirt Heaward and partner, Lisa Lenahan of Arizona, Tommy and Linda (Monk) Heaward of Oxford, and Larry and Debi Heaward of Florida; seven children, Jocelynn (Barker) and Duane Heath of Albany Township, Bonita (Barker) and Ricky Sessions of West Paris, Elaine (Barker) and Terry Wegerer of Leesburg, Texas, Christine (Barker) & Ricky Libby of Mansfield, Ohio, Lisa (Barker) and Frank Surrette of South Paris, Joel and Yvette (Yates) Barker of Chugiak, AK, and Brent Barker of Lewiston. Three step children, Dana and Kathy (Mayberry) Tice of South Paris, Gary and Sandra (Manning) Tice of Citrus Hgts, Calif., and Faye (Tice) and Raymond Pinette of Tucson, Ariz; 18 grand and step grandchildren; 31 1/2 gr-grands and step gr-grands; Numerous Nieces and Nephews and gr-nieces and gr-nephews.

He was predeceased by his two wives; his parents; five brothers, Lawrence Barker of Clifton Park, N.Y.; Errol Barker of South Paris; Norman, Ronnie and Robert at young ages; one brother-in-law, Carlton Rugg of Albany Township; three sister-in-laws, Iva (Rugg) Fox of Monmouth; Gloria (Jillson) Adams; and Janet (Jillson) Lewis, two grandsons, Kyle and Joshua Heath; and one step gr-granddaughter, Leilani Tice.

Viewing will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 7 at the Chandler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Memorial/Celebration of Life services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 8, at the Kingdom Hall, 603 Harrison Road, Norway. Interment will follow at Norway Center Cemetery, and then back to his home on Durrell Hill for food and gathering.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Maine Cancer Foundation, 170 US Route 1, Ste 250, Falmouth, ME 04105; Maine Kidney Foundation, 470 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04101 or the Kingdom Hall, 603 Harrison Rd, Norway, ME 04268. Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Thank You

The family of Elizabeth D. Gilbert would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, visits, food, and flowers during the loss of our mom. Special thanks to Bethel Rescue, Chandler Funeral Homes, and Chuck and Cathy Mason.

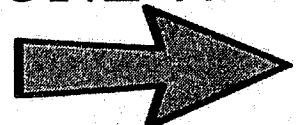
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ISABELLE JENNIE BENNETT
Dec. 31, 1929-
June 27, 2016

Isabelle was born in Bethel to Frances and Henry Bennett.

She graduated from Gould Academy in 1947 and received a Bachelor's Degree from Russell Sage College, New York in 1951. She also received a Master's Degree from the University of Maine at Orono in 1961. She then taught Physical Education in Middleton, N.Y. and Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. She then went on to earn her Master's Degree in Guidance Counseling and was a Guidance Counselor at Randolph High School and Watertown High School until she retired in 1990.

After retirement she became a tour guide for the Boston area and proctored

numerous exams at MIT and Harvard.

Isabelle loved to travel and visited six out of the seven continents with trips to Kenya, Tanzania, New Zealand, Australia and China listed as her favorites. Golf was her favorite pastime and she nailed a hole in one at the wonderful age of 80!

Isabelle is survived by her niece, Linda Westleigh of West Bethel; great-niece, Lisa Pivin and her husband Paul of Gray and Great Nephew, James Westleigh of Shelburne, N.H. She is also survived by her great-great-nieces Laura Crockett and husband Patrick of Gorham, Annie Costello and husband Brandon of Fort Drum, N.Y. and great-nephew Austin Westleigh of Bethel. Her special joys were to have visits from her great-great-nieces and nephews; Madison, Caden, Colin, Mia and Lily. They always brought a smile to her face. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Alice, sister Ruth and nieces Donna Gray and Nadine Hughes and nephews Henry and Arthur Curtis.

A graveside service will be held in August at the Riverview Cemetery in Bethel.

Births

BURRILL

Richard and Jillian Burrill of Albany are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby, Kimball Rose Burrill, born June 20, 2016 at 8:13 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Joan Kimball of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Frederick and Mary Burrill of Lakeville, Maine.

Kimball joins a sister, Lily Dawn Burrill, 21 months.

Speakman receives Edward Jones Awards

Joel Speakman of Bethel, who works for the financial services firm Edward Jones in South Paris, recently won the firm's Jack Phelan Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships.

"It's truly an honor to receive recognition for building relationships with those clients we serve," said Speakman. "And it's quite inspirational to receive an award named after a firm legend such as Jack Phelan who was dedicated to individual investors and understood each investor's unique financial goals."

Speakman was one of 670 of the firm's 14,000 financial advisors to receive the Jack Phelan award.

The award is named after Jack Phelan, who, after joining the firm in 1950, became one of the firm's first "TNT" brokers, traveling the countryside Tuesday through Thursday, bringing investment advice to rural investors.

"Joel's success hinges on his ability to know and understand the financial needs and goals of his clients, long-term individual investors," said Jim Weddle, the firm's managing partner. "Our clients most appreciate recommendations tailored to their situations and the high level of personal service Joel provides."

Speakman also won a field trainer award.

"We couldn't grow at the rate we've achieved if we didn't have people like Joel who remember what it was like to start out, and who give unselfishly so others can realize the success he has enjoyed," said Weddle.

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